

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Reps. Churches, Arbit, Puri, Martus, Breen, Coffia, Andrews, Brenda Carter, Farhat, Byrnes, Hill, Snyder, Liberati, McFall, Weiss, Hoskins, Conlin, Stone, Wilson, Tsernoglou, Mentzer, Grant, Fitzgerald, Brixie, Wegela, Brabec, Hope, Price, Coleman, Paiz, Morgan, Edwards, Dievendorf, Young, Scott, Neeley, O'Neal, Rheingans, Rogers, Morse, MacDonell, Aiyash and Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to affirm the Governor's proclamation on  
2 workplace safety and call on the Governor, the Michigan Department  
3 of Labor and Economic Opportunity, the Michigan Occupational Safety  
4 and Health Administration, and all those responsible for the safety  
5 of Michigan's workers to do everything in their power to decrease  
6 workplace deaths and make worksites safer for all hardworking  
7 Michiganders.

1           Whereas, Federal and Michigan law promise every worker the  
2 right to a safe job. Michigan's Occupational Safety and Health Act  
3 declares that all employees shall be provided safe and healthful  
4 work environments free of recognized hazards. The Governor's  
5 commitment to this mandate is evidenced by her proclamation  
6 designating April 28, 2023, as Worker's Memorial Day; and

7           Whereas, Still, workplace hazards kill and disable  
8 approximately 125,000 workers each year - an estimated 5,000 from  
9 traumatic injuries and an estimated 120,000 from occupational  
10 disease. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that there  
11 were 5,190 workplace fatalities in 2021, meaning a worker died  
12 every 101 minutes from an occupational injury; an 8.9 percent  
13 increase from 2020; and

14           Whereas, The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 140  
15 Michigan workers lost their lives in workplace accidents in 2021.  
16 Untold more suffered disabling injury and illness. As recently as  
17 April 18, 2023, a young Michigander only 19-years-old was  
18 tragically killed in a workplace accident when he was fatally  
19 crushed by heavy machinery; and

20           Whereas, Michigan's workforce is the backbone of this state's  
21 economic growth. Every effort needs to be made to improve workplace  
22 health and safety conditions, to increase workplace safety  
23 standards and enforcement, and to provide hardworking Michiganders  
24 with fair and just compensation; now, therefore, be it

25           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm the  
26 Governor's proclamation on workplace safety and call on the  
27 Governor, the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic  
28 Opportunity, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health  
29 Administration, and all those responsible for the safety of

1 Michigan's workers to do everything in their power to decrease  
2 workplace deaths and make worksites safer for all hardworking  
3 Michiganders; and be it further

4       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
5 Governor of Michigan, the Director of the Michigan Department of  
6 Labor and Economic Opportunity, and the Director of the Michigan  
7 Occupational Safety and Health Administration.