

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1856

A RESOLUTION proclaiming April 28, 2004, as Workers' Memorial Day in Kansas.

WHEREAS, The Kansas AFL-CIO and its affiliated unions are joining in a nationwide effort to commemorate workers injured, disabled or killed on the job and focus attention on what needs to be done to prevent such senseless deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, Each April 28, since 1989, Workers' Memorial Day has been observed in nearly one hundred countries and officially endorsed by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; and

WHEREAS, April 28th falls on the anniversary of the enactment of federal legislation creating the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which was signed into law by President Richard Nixon on April 28, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, OSHA has assisted employers and employees to create better working conditions, and has helped to cut workplace fatalities by more than 60% and occupational injury and illness by 40%; and

WHEREAS, Despite OSHA's best efforts, an American worker is injured on the job every six seconds and is killed by a job-related injury every 47 minutes—more than 10,000 deaths each year. A hundred thousand more die a slow death from cancer, lung disease or other disabling conditions caused by exposure to toxics at work; and

WHEREAS, Last year, 42 of our fellow Kansans lost their lives in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Today, April 28, 2004, Kansas workers will remember those who have suffered and died in the workplace. They will also join their brothers and sisters all across this country in a renewed commitment to prevent those tragedies from happening again: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we remember and recognize the American workers who have been injured, disabled or killed on the job by proclaiming April 28, 2004, as Workers' Memorial Day in Kansas; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to the Kansas AFL-CIO, 2131 S.W. 31st Street, Topeka, KS 66611.

Senate Resolution No. 1856 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Barone, Betts, Downey, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Helgerson, Lee and Steineger.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*