

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 705

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Hispanic Contractors Association of DFW in recognizing May 1 through May 5, 2003, as Safety Awareness Week for Construction Workers; and

WHEREAS, Every day 16 workers die in this country, and many more become injured or ill; the construction industry ranks highest in terms of fatalities, and the death rate among Hispanic construction workers is disproportionately high; the fatality rate for Hispanics working in the construction industry rose to 6.1 for every 100,000 workers in 2001 from 5.3 for every 100,000 workers in 1992; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic Contractors Association of DFW supports efforts to make the construction workplace safer and to that end promotes a Safety Awareness Week for Construction Workers in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor is also committed to making the workplace safer and healthier for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2003, Worker Memorial Day, a day that recognizes and remembers those workers who lost their lives on the job, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration launched a national campaign to lower workplace fatalities among Spanish-speaking workers by releasing announcements to over 650 Spanish radio stations; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring a safe and healthy work environment adds value to businesses and workplaces, and public awareness of the

issues and dangers faced by construction workers could help save the lives of citizens of our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend the Hispanic Contractors Association of DFW for furthering endeavors to educate all Texans about job safety and encourage all Texans to observe Safety Awareness Week for Construction Workers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of those dedicated to protecting the health and safety of Texas workers.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate