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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every year, tens of thousands of American workers
2 are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease and tens
3 of thousands more are permanently disabled or made ill; and

4 WHEREAS, Concerned citizens are observing Workers Memorial
5 Day on April 28, 2005, to remember and honor those victims of
6 workplace injuries, disease, and death; and

7 WHEREAS, This special observance is also a time to celebrate
8 the more than a quarter-million working American men and women
9 alive today because of the far-reaching and successful workplace
10 safety battles workers and their unions have won; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the passage of the 1969 Coal Mine Health and
12 Safety Act, the establishment of the 1970 Occupational Safety and
13 Health Act, and the implementation of hundreds of job safety and
14 health initiatives, from cotton dust laws to needle-stick
15 regulations, the nation's workplace fatality rate has dropped more
16 than 70 percent and the injury and illness rate has decreased by 48
17 percent in the past three decades; and

18 WHEREAS, Much work remains to be done, and Workers Memorial
19 Day provides an opportunity for Americans to renew their efforts to
20 seek stronger safety and health protections, better standards and
21 enforcement, and fair and just compensation, and to rededicate
22 themselves to improving safety and health in every workplace; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial
2 Day in honor of those workers killed, disabled, injured, or made ill
3 on the job and encourage all Texans to do their part in ensuring a
4 safe and healthy work environment for themselves and their fellow
5 employees.