

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Construction workers and members of the Build a
2 Better Texas Coalition are gathering in Austin on February 25,
3 2015, to promote workplace safety in the construction industry; and

4 WHEREAS, The construction industry plays a significant role
5 in the Texas economy, with nearly one million Texans laboring in
6 construction and generating \$1 out of every \$20 in the economy; and

7 WHEREAS, Workplace safety in Texas is a serious issue; more
8 construction workers die as a result of workplace accidents or
9 conditions in Texas than in any other state; from 2009 to 2013, 528
10 construction workers lost their lives on the job, nearly twice as
11 many as in the state with the next highest number of deaths; in
12 addition, one in every five construction workers in the state
13 suffers an injury on the job that requires medical attention; and

14 WHEREAS, Low wages and legal violations like wage theft and
15 payroll fraud are common, with 41 percent of the workforce
16 misclassified as independent contractors and one out of five
17 workers falling victim to wage theft, further imperiling the
18 economic stability of working families; and

19 WHEREAS, Whenever employers in the industry fail to abide by
20 the law, they decrease the ability of responsible businesses to
21 compete, put the physical safety of their workers at risk, and force
22 taxpayers to pick up costs resulting from their illegal practices;
23 the Build a Better Texas Coalition is a group of businesses,
24 community organizations, faith-based groups, and individuals who

1 seek to foster workplace safety and to level the playing field for
2 responsible businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Components of a proactive industry approach to
4 worker safety include providing a safe workplace, adequate safety
5 training and rest breaks, and workers' compensation insurance,
6 which ensures that both workers and employers are protected in the
7 event of a workplace accident; and

8 WHEREAS, A strong and sustainable construction industry is
9 essential to the economic prosperity of the Lone Star State, and
10 such an industry is fostered by safe workplace practices and fair
11 pay; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby recognize February 25, 2015, as the Day of the
14 Fallen in memory of the thousands of Texans who have died in
15 construction-related accidents and call on leaders in the
16 construction industry to uphold the highest standards of workplace
17 safety; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the Build a Better Texas Coalition to commemorate the
20 Day of the Fallen.

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Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
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Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
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Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
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H.R. No. 436

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 436 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 19, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House