

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 272

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Build a Better Texas Coalition and the Workers Defense Project in observing March 1, 2017, as the Day of the Fallen; and

**WHEREAS**, On the Day of the Fallen, groups are gathering in Austin to honor the men and women who have died in construction-related accidents and to promote workplace safety in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, The Build a Better Texas Coalition consists of businesses, community and faith-based organizations, and various individuals who are dedicated to fostering workplace safety; and

**WHEREAS**, The construction industry plays a significant role in the Texas economy, with nearly one million Texans working in the field, and workplace safety has become a serious issue throughout the state; more construction workers die in Texas due to work-related accidents than in any other state; there were 78 such deaths confirmed in 2016 alone, and one in every five construction workers in Texas suffers an injury that requires medical attention; and

**WHEREAS**, Since a strong and sustainable construction industry is essential to the economic prosperity of our state, it is truly fitting that efforts be made to uphold the highest of standards in workplace safety in Texas; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby encourage Texans across the state to observe March 1, 2017, as the Day of the Fallen, in memory of the thousands who have died in construction-related accidents; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

Rodríguez, Garcia

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 1, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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