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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 44

Introduced by Assembly Members Allen and Swanson

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April 4, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 44—Relative to Workers Memorial Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 44, as amended, Allen. Workers Memorial Day.

This measure would recognize April 28, 2011, as Workers Memorial Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Every year tens of thousands of American workers
- 2 are killed by workplace accidents and occupational disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Millions of workers are injured or made ill
2 annually, including tens of thousands who are permanently
3 disabled; and

4 WHEREAS, Decades of struggle by workers, their unions, and
5 their allies in the community have resulted in significant
6 improvements in working conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, Forty years ago, Congress passed the United States
8 Occupational Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the
9 right to a safe job; and

10 WHEREAS, America's labor unions and their allies have fought
11 hard to make that promise a reality, winning protections that have
12 made jobs safer, saving hundreds of thousands of lives and
13 preventing millions of workplace injuries and illnesses; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the critical
15 importance of the state's own Occupational Safety and Health Act
16 and related regulations, including the necessity of the vigorous
17 and effective enforcement of those laws; and

18 WHEREAS, Since 1989, labor unions and their allies observe
19 Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have suffered and
20 died on the job, and to renew the fight for safe workplaces; and

21 WHEREAS, April 28 was chosen because it is the anniversary
22 of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the day
23 of a similar remembrance in Canada; and

24 WHEREAS, Trade unions and their supporters around the world
25 now mark April 28 as an international day of mourning; and

26 WHEREAS, The State of California wishes to honor the
27 hundreds of workers who are killed on the job every year in
28 California, along with the many workers who suffer occupational
29 injuries and illnesses in this state; and

30 WHEREAS, Concerned Californians are determined to prevent
31 further tragedies by renewing our efforts to seek stronger health
32 and safety protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair
33 and just compensation; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That the Members of the Legislature rededicate
36 themselves to improving safety and health in every California
37 workplace; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the California Legislature hereby officially
39 recognizes April 28, 2011, as Workers Memorial Day, in

- 1 recognition of workers killed, injured, or disabled on the job; and
- 2 be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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