

House Resolution

No. 47

Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández

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House Resolution No. 47—Relative to National Tradesworker Day.

1 WHEREAS, National Tradesworker Day should be recognized
2 each year on the third Friday of September, providing an
3 opportunity to honor and express our appreciation of our nation’s
4 skilled men and women in the building and construction trades
5 and other crafts whose hard work allows our modern society to
6 thrive; and

7 WHEREAS, These men and women contribute greatly to our
8 state’s infrastructure, enable cities to grow, provide for a better
9 quality of life in their communities, and create economic
10 development that assists California in maintaining one of the largest
11 and most diverse economies in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Construction is dangerous and laborious work, and
13 the men and women of the California building and construction
14 trades have fought many legislative, regulatory, and electoral
15 battles to strengthen and protect workers’ health and safety and
16 fair local wage standards by establishing prevailing wages on
17 public works projects. These achievements have produced one of
18 the strongest sets of worker protection laws for the industry in the
19 entire country; and

20 WHEREAS, Workers and their employers, through
21 long-established partnerships, have created an apprenticeship
22 system that invests approximately \$100 million annually to train
23 the next generation of skilled workers through state-approved
24 apprenticeship programs. These programs have the most rigorous

1 standards in the country, graduating roofers, bricklayers, plumbers
2 and pipefitters, elevator constructors, laborers, carpenters,
3 boilermakers, cement masons, insulators, electricians, iron workers,
4 operating engineers, sheet metal workers, teamsters, painters, and
5 others; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite the worst recession since the Great
7 Depression, the construction industry continues to provide young
8 men and women with an opportunity for a rewarding career in
9 construction with access to apprenticeship programs. These
10 programs graduate 92 percent of the state's apprenticeship
11 graduates, including 95 percent of all women graduates and 92
12 percent of all minority graduates; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
14 Assembly recognizes September 19, 2014, as National
15 Tradesworker Day, remembers the building and construction
16 tradesworkers whom we have lost in the process of developing
17 California and our nation, and honors those who work to ensure
18 civilized life is possible for all of our residents; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
20 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.