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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On December 29, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went into effect on April 28, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, OSHA was created with the intent to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace through requiring employers to provide safe working conditions; and

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WHEREAS, Despite the existence of OSHA, tens of thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year, while tens of thousands more are permanently disabled, injured, or made ill; and

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WHEREAS, Each April, Workers' Memorial Day has been observed as a day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

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WHEREAS, Since 1989, workers, employers, and government leaders have typically gathered on or near April 28th to commemorate those who have lost their lives while working to provide a good standard of living for their families and communities; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 26,  
2 2024 as Workers' Memorial Day in the State of Illinois; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That we encourage all employers to reaffirm  
5 their efforts towards improving workplace safety, seeking  
6 stronger health standard enforcement, and treating workers  
7 with dignity as constant improvements in worker safety are  
8 pursued; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage fellow Illinoisans to honor  
10 our workers by observing Workers' Memorial Day, remembering  
11 the victims of workplace injuries and disease, and  
12 recommitting to supporting safety and health improvements in  
13 every American workplace.