

Senator Ananich offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 136.

A resolution designating April 28, 2014, as Workers' Memorial Day in Michigan.

Whereas, Every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that 4,383 workers were killed in 2012 by traumatic injuries, and an estimated 50,000 - 60,000 died from occupational diseases. On average, 12 workers were killed on the job every day; and

Whereas, In 2012, 127 workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan, and 105,500 injuries and illnesses were reported; and

Whereas, It is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

Whereas, We remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

Whereas, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's work force and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and

Whereas, The Michigan Senate wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's work force and call for increased workplace safety; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, that we hereby designate April 28, 2014, as Workers' Memorial Day in Michigan.