

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 85

Rep. Bellino offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2021 as Natural Gas and Electric
2 Service Workers Appreciation Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The professions of natural gas and electric service
4 worker have existed for as long as energy has been a part of modern
5 living; and

6 Whereas, These professionals maintain thousands of miles of
7 transmission and distribution electric and natural gas lines and
8 systems with a focus on safety, reliability, and dedication to
9 customer service; and

10 Whereas, At a moment's notice, these brave professionals work
11 in extreme weather and face dangerous conditions in order to
12 maintain the energy infrastructure of our state; and

1 Whereas, Serving Michigan for many decades, our natural gas
2 and electric service workers are often the first responders during
3 catastrophic events and the last to go home; and

4 Whereas, These crews have tirelessly worked on the front line
5 during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring our communities have the
6 safe and reliable energy they rely on; and

7 Whereas, It is important for Michigan to honor and recognize
8 this workforce for their heroic efforts in keeping our lights on
9 and our homes and businesses warm; and

10 Whereas, Working in and around roadways is often required by
11 these workers, which presents a daily danger; and

12 Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has passed several public
13 acts to require drivers to drive safely in work zones and provide
14 penalties for those who do not respect these work zones; and

15 Whereas, These service workers exemplify hometown service and
16 are active in caring for their communities as volunteers; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Natural Gas and
20 Electric Service Workers Appreciation Month in the state of
21 Michigan.