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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 296 Session of  
2015

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FARINA, O'NEILL, KAUFER AND W. KELLER, APRIL 27, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 27, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 28, 2015, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania in memory of workers killed, injured and  
3 disabled in the workplace and in recognition of the efforts  
4 of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council.

5 WHEREAS, Every year in America, a great number of workers are  
6 killed as a result of workplace injuries and occupational  
7 diseases; and

8 WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics has  
9 reported that in 2013, more than 4,405 workers suffered fatal  
10 injuries in the workplace and more than 3 million individuals  
11 suffered nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2013, 178 Pennsylvania workers lost their lives  
13 due to fatal accidents in the workplace; and

14 WHEREAS, While the official "National Workers' Memorial Day"  
15 is celebrated annually on April 28, the Greater Wilkes-Barre  
16 Labor Council and other concerned residents are determined to

1 prevent these tragedies with a local observance of "National  
2 Workers' Memorial Day" on April 23, 2015, as a day to remember  
3 these victims of workplace injuries; and

4 WHEREAS, Through the local observance of this day, the  
5 Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council renews its efforts to seek  
6 stronger safety and health protections, better standards and  
7 enforcement and fair and just compensation, and also rededicates  
8 itself to improving the health and safety of every American  
9 workplace; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April  
11 28, 2015, as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania in memory  
12 of workers killed, injured and disabled in the workplace and in  
13 recognition of the efforts of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor  
14 Council and its tenth annual local "Workers' Memorial Day"  
15 program and candlelight vigil service.