

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4659, by Representatives Conway and Chandler

WHEREAS, Monday, April 28th, is the annual Workers' Memorial Day to honor injured workers and families of those workers who have died; and

WHEREAS, There are 111 million people in 7 million workplaces in the United States and more than 2 million workers in Washington who work hard to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, The nation's workers represent the backbone of the economy and have made the United States the most prosperous country in the world; and

WHEREAS, On an average day, 153 workers lose their lives in our country as a result of workplace injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Washington had 99 work-related fatalities, an average of more than one death every week, and 183,000 work-related illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, The loved ones, friends, and coworkers of workers who lost their lives in the past year, Robert Lee Allen, Gaylord Allery, Archie Dale Anderson, William Charles Anderson, Wayne Jacob Baardson, Jesus Francisco Balderas, Bernard John Bennett, Bryan W. Betts, George Clifford Blackburn, Richard Bonillas, Gordon Glenn Brantley, Robert Cecil Bridge, Leo D. Brooks, Paul Bryant, Carl Howard Butterfield, John Mark Clark, Charles Robert Clement, Mike Ernest Coffey, Jesse Scott Conger, Gene Cotto Coriano, Gary Howard Cornett, Warren David Coss, Robert Crooks, Timothy Ray Cunningham, Kenneth Thelin Derricott, Ernest Dietrich, William Lee Dunlap, Rick Warren Eaton, Roger W. Erdman, Dennis Fillman, Edward Bernard Fleming, Robert Fox, Thomas Allen Friend, William Gann, Jesus Garcia-Canizal, Alton Earl Glenn, Robert Stephen Goldstein, Carmelo Gonzales, John Haley, Michael Leroy Hamilton, Karen Hart, Richard A. Herzog, Charles Hilyard, George M. Hudson, Danny Robert Johnson, Tim Johnson, Thomas Ray Kegley, James A. Keochanpheng, Annette Elizabeth Kramer, Roy Allen Lauer, Mark Laukkanen, Steven Clark Leclair, Eli Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Gary R. Lindell, Apolinar Lopez-Penoloza, Gregory James Mackey, Tuscon Marvin McQuistion, Howard Goodrich McWhirk, James Soto Montanez, Todd Morris, Juan F. Mota, Randy Phillip Nolan, Dennis Flynn O'Leary, Leroy Omer, William Larry Ostler, Ronald Leslie Overgaard, Fidelina Palomino-Lugo, David Peach, Dale Wayne Peterman, Guy Phillip Pillow, Pavel Radchuk, Kris Redal, Ismael Reynosa-Garcia, James Walter Roemer, Johnny Rogers, Sheri Rosenbaum, Robert Dean Rowell, Terry Edward Rykhus, Faustino Sanchez-Mendez, William Benson Sargent, Donald Vernon Slight, Leonard E. Smaldino, Randall Roger Soens, Ignacio C. Soto, Wade S. Steele, Pat Joseph Strahm, Charles Henry Thipado, Carl Tiner, Mark Tjernell, Jeffrey Lee Varnam, Devota Marie Washington, Gary Steve Waters, Randy Dean Weathermon, Alfred Westerfield, Harold "Bud" Wieler, Vernon Wolf, Karl Eugene Woods, and Mohamed Yusuf, suffer untold pain and suffering, and families of those fallen workers, experience economic as well as emotional hardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the many millions of workers who have contributed to our country and our state, and honor those who have suffered injuries or who have died on the job; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Rick Bender of the Washington State Labor Council for distribution to affiliated and independent members, to Don Brunell of the Association of Washington Business, and to Paul Trause of the Department of Labor and Industries.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4659 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 23, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk