

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4677, by Representatives Leavitt, Rule, Paul, Zahn, Berg, Pollet, Callan, Schmidt, Richards, Berry, Salahuddin, Ryu, Simmons, Parshley, Schmick, Nance, Bernbaum, Bronoske, Hall, Fosse, Santos, Macri, and Obras

1 WHEREAS, Construction workers experience significantly higher
2 rates of suicide than the general population, and national data
3 consistently identify construction as the occupation with the highest
4 suicide rate in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Construction workers represent a disproportionate share
6 of workforce suicides despite comprising a smaller percentage of the
7 total workforce; and

8 WHEREAS, Substance use disorders, including opioid misuse,
9 disproportionately impact construction workers, often linked to work-
10 related injuries, chronic pain, and hazardous working conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, The construction industry consistently ranks among the
12 highest for heavy alcohol use, illicit drug use, and opioid-related
13 harm; and

14 WHEREAS, The physically demanding nature of construction work,
15 combined with long hours, cyclical employment, high injury rates,
16 jobsite culture, and economic instability, contributes to elevated
17 rates of stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, and untreated
18 behavioral health conditions; and

19 WHEREAS, Access to timely, culturally competent behavioral health
20 care, including prevention services, peer support, substance use
21 treatment, and recovery resources, is essential to sustaining a safe,
22 skilled, and resilient construction workforce; and

