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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING APRIL 28, 2016, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN HAWAII IN MEMORY OF WORKERS KILLED, INJURED, OR DISABLED IN THE WORKPLACE.

WHEREAS, every year in America, thousands of workers are killed as a result of workplace injuries and occupational illnesses; and

5 WHEREAS, since 1989, Workers' Memorial Day is annually 6 observed throughout the world on April 28 to remember workers 7 killed or disabled as a result of workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, April 28 was designated as Workers' Memorial Day because it is the anniversary of the founding of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, according to the most recently available data from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4,679 of the nation's workers fell victim to fatal work injuries, while more than 3,657,000 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses were reported nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, thirty-one Hawaii workers fell victim to fatal work injuries; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor and pay tribute to the courageous and dedicated members of Hawaii's labor force who have been injured, disabled, or killed as a result of workplace accidents; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to recognize the integrity of Hawaii's workforce and the workforce's contributions to economic growth; and

WHEREAS, this body continues to pursue and call for increased workplace safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the House of Representatives concurring, that April 28, 2016, be designated as "Workers' Memorial Day" in Hawaii in memory of workers killed, injured, or disabled in the workplace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.