HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 135


WHEREAS, on April 28, 2003, the unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day, to remember those who have suffered and died on the job and to renew the fight for safe workplaces; and

WHEREAS, since the first Workers Memorial Day was observed in 1989, workers and their unions have been fighting against efforts to weaken job safety laws; and

WHEREAS, every year, hundreds of communities and work sites recognize workers who have been killed or injured on the job, and trade unionists around the globe now mark April 28 as an international day of mourning; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the labor movement has led the fight for and won stronger job safety protections that have improved the lives of all workers, organized and unorganized; and

WHEREAS, on Workers Memorial Day 2003, American workers will speak out to make our voice heard for safe jobs and call for an end to the attacks on the job safety law, stronger enforcement and whistle blower protections and the right for workers to organize and, through their unions, speak out and work for safe jobs, respect and a better future; and

WHEREAS, on Workers Memorial Day 2003, the workers call for an end to attacks on workers' safety and health, stronger safety and health protections and enforcement, coverage for all workers under the job safety law, fair and timely compensation for injured workers, the right of workers to organize and join unions without employer interference or intimidation and the right of workers and workers, the right of workers to organize and join unions without employer interference or intimidation and the right of workers and...
unions to speak out for strong job safety laws and to have a voice in the legislative and political process:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN, That we commemorate April 28, 2003, as Workers Memorial Day and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends who have lost loved ones in job-related accidents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to members of the Capitol Press Corps.