

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 106

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in New York City on March 25, 1911, and designating the week of March 21, 2011, through March 25, 2011, as the “100th Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Remembrance Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2011

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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Whereas the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire was the deadliest industrial disaster in the City of New York’s history and resulted in the 4th greatest loss of life from an industrial accident in the history of the United States, claiming the lives of 146 garment workers, many of whom were young immigrants;

Whereas this human catastrophe exposed the need to strengthen labor laws, fire regulations, and health and safety protections for workers;

Whereas the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire helped spur the growth of the modern-day organized labor movement, particularly the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, which continued to fight for better conditions for sweatshop workers;

Whereas from the ashes of this horrific event emerged the modern celebration of International Women's Day, and the death of 129 women workers in the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire demonstrated the need for workers' rights and women's rights;

Whereas more than 5,000 workers lose their lives each year on the job, and protecting the health and safety of workers continues to be a critical issue in the United States today; and

Whereas national events will be held to remember the victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire, and to educate citizens about the important role this tragic event played in the history of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates the week of
 2 March 21, 2011 through March 25, 2011 as the "100th
 3 Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Re-
 4 membrance Week".

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