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Designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, as “North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2005

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY)
submitted the following resolution

APRIL 29 (legislative day, APRIL 28), 2005

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, as
“North American Occupational Safety and Health Week
(NAOSH)”.

Whereas every year more than 5,500 people die from job-related injuries and millions more suffer occupational injuries and illnesses;

Whereas every day millions of people go to and return home from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many unsung heroes, such as occupational safety, health, and environmental practitioners, who work day in and day out identifying hazards and implementing safety and health advances, in all industries and at all workplaces, aimed at eliminating workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses;

Whereas these occupational safety, health, and environmental professionals work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, develop safer products, and are committed to protecting people, property, and the environment;

Whereas the work of these professionals in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness programs contributes greatly to the improvement of overall employee health, increased productivity, and reduction in health care costs, and yields significant returns on investments in occupational safety and health for the employer;

Whereas our society has long recognized that a safe and healthy workplace positively impacts employee morale, health, and productivity;

Whereas the more than 150,000 combined members of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (ACHMM), the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (AAOHN), the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) are occupational safety, health, and environmental practitioners committed to protecting people, property, and the environment;

Whereas the purpose of “North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)” is to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health, to demonstrate the positive impact that integrating effective safety and health programs in the workplace and the community has on the economy and business, to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health, and environmental professionals in all areas, and to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by

increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs; and

Whereas during the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, and throughout the year, the ASSE, ACHMM, AAOHN, AIHA, and ANSI, and their respective memberships, will work to raise employers', employees', and the public's understanding of the importance of occupational safety, health, and the environment in everyone's lives, and to provide valuable information and resources aimed at decreasing further workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of May 1 through May
3 7, 2005, as “North American Occupational Safety
4 and Health Week (NAOSH)”;

5 (2) commends occupational safety, health, and
6 environmental professionals for their ongoing com-
7 mitment to protecting people, property, and the envi-
8 ronment;

9 (3) encourages all industries, organizations,
10 community leaders, employers, and employees to
11 support educational activities aimed at increasing
12 awareness of the importance of preventing illness,
13 injury, and death in the workplace during the week
14 of May 1 through May 7, 2005, and throughout the
15 year; and

16 (4) encourages the people of the United States
17 to observe “North American Occupational Safety

- 1 and Health Week (NAOSH)” with appropriate pro-
- 2 grams and activities.

