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# S. RES. 193

Designating the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007, as “North American Occupational Safety and Health Week” and May 9, 2007, as “Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 2007

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY)  
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of May 6 through May 12, 2007,  
as “North American Occupational Safety and Health  
Week” and May 9, 2007, as “Occupational Safety and  
Health Professional Day”.

Whereas every year more than 5,700 people die from job-re-  
lated injuries and 4,400,000 more suffer occupational in-  
juries and illnesses;

Whereas transportation crashes continue to be the number 1  
cause of on-the-job deaths, and overall in 2005 there  
were 6,159,000 transportation accidents resulting in  
43,433 deaths, 2,700,000 injuries, and an estimated  
\$230,600,000,000 in tangible costs;

Whereas every day millions of people go to and return home  
from work safely due, in part, to the efforts of many un-

sung 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 and members of the American Society of Safety Engineers work to prevent accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases, create safer work and leisure environments, and develop safer products, and are committed to protecting people, property, and the environment;

Whereas the work of these professionals in the areas of occupational safety, health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness programs has contributed 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 30,000 members of the American Society of Safety Engineers, along with the more than 150,000 combined members of 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 dedicated to keeping people safe at work and protecting property and the environment;

Whereas the purpose of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) is to increase 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;

Whereas the theme of NAOSH Week 2007 is all modes of transportation safety, particularly stressing that motor vehicle drivers should drive wisely to save lives; and

Whereas on May 9 occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized during the second annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of May 6 through May  
3       12, 2007, to be “North American Occupational Safe-  
4       ty and Health Week” (NAOSH) and May 9, 2007,  
5       to be “Occupational Safety and Health Professional  
6       Day”;

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

1           (3) commends those businesses that encourage  
2           a strong safety culture and incorporate occupational  
3           safety and health into their business strategies;

4           (4) encourages all industries, organizations,  
5           community leaders, employers, and employees to join  
6           with the American Society of Safety Engineers to  
7           support activities aimed at increasing awareness of  
8           the importance of preventing illness, injury, and  
9           death in the workplace, during the week of May 6  
10          through May 12, 2007, and throughout the year;

11          (5) recognizes the commitment of occupational  
12          safety and health professionals in their ongoing work  
13          to protect people, property, and the environment on  
14          May 9, 2007, Occupational Safety and Health Pro-  
15          fessional Day;

16          (6) urges everyone to observe the theme of  
17          NAOSH Week and drive responsibly; and

18          (7) encourages the people of the United States  
19          to observe “North American Occupational Safety  
20          and Health Week” and “Occupational Safety and  
21          Health Professional Day” with appropriate pro-  
22          grams and activities.

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