

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8669**

By Senators Shin, Costa, Patterson, Eide, Jacobsen, Snyder, Kline, Hargrove, Goings, McAuliffe, Heavey, Benton, Prentice, Franklin, B. Sheldon, Thibaudeau, Brown, Roach, Winsley, Spanel, Wojahn, Gardner, McDonald, Finkbeiner, Fairley, Fraser, Haugen, Rasmussen, Bauer, Kohl-Welles, T. Sheldon, Sheahan, Loveland, Johnson and Long

WHEREAS, There are ninety million people in seven million workplaces in the United States who work hard to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, The nation's workers represent the backbone of the economy and have made the United States the most prosperous country in the world; and

WHEREAS, On an average day, one hundred fifty-four workers lose their lives in our country as a result of workplace injuries and illnesses, and another seventeen thousand are injured; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Washington had one hundred twenty-eight work-related fatalities and one hundred sixty thousand work-related illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, Government action can make a difference as evidenced by the Occupational Safety and Health Act passed in 1970, which led to a drastic reduction in workplace deaths and injuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the many millions of workers who have contributed to America and honor those who have suffered injuries or who have died on the job; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Ron Harrell of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8669,
adopted by the Senate April 16, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate