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WORKERS'

Memorial Day

Workers' Memorial Day is an international day of remembrance of individuals killed by incidents in the workplace.

Your presence would be greatly appreciated as we pay tribute to those honorable men and women who have lost their lives.

*"Dying should never be part of the job.
Safety is every workers' right."*



Reflecting on Remembrance

HONORING WORKERS' SACRIFICES ON WORKER MEMORIAL DAY

Dear Members of the Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association Community,

In partnership with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Joliet Junior College (JJC), the Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association recently hosted a solemn and meaningful Worker Memorial Day service. This gathering served as a poignant tribute to the workers who have lost their lives or been injured on the job, and a reminder of the imperative to prioritize workplace safety.

The event commenced with opening remarks from JJC President, Dr. Clyne Namuo, who eloquently expressed the significance of observing Worker Memorial Day for the second time in Will County. Dr. Namuo underscored the vital role workers play in building communities and upholding the American Dream, while emphasizing the need to ensure their safety and well-being in the workplace. His words set the tone for a day of reflection and remembrance.

Brian Rimbo, Safety Manager of Stepan Co., then provided an invocation, offering prayerful words of peace and comfort to all those affected by workplace tragedies. The JJC Music Department contributed to the solemnity of the occasion with a moving rendition of the National Anthem, setting the stage for a moment of collective tribute.

Illinois Senator Rachel Ventura, Illinois Representative Harry Benton, OSHA Region V Assistant Administrator Gary Lescallett, and Garland Mays, representing Will County's Executive, Jennifer Bertino Tarant, delivered poignant remarks and presented proclamations honoring the memory of those who have been affected by workplace accidents. Their presence underscored the importance of collective action in advocating for safer working environments and protecting the rights of workers.

The service continued with the reading of the names of the 31 individuals who tragically lost their lives at work in Illinois during 2023. This solemn acknowledgment of their sacrifices served as a sobering reminder of the human cost of workplace accidents and the urgent need for continued efforts to improve workplace safety.

Ray Woodworth, Executive Director of the Three Rivers Manufacturers' Association, provided concluding remarks, highlighting the significance of commemorating Worker Memorial Day. He emphasized the importance of recognizing the sacrifices made by workers and reiterated the need for employers to prioritize the well-being of their employees. His words echoed the collective commitment of all present to create safer work environments and prevent future tragedies.

As we reflect on the solemn occasion of Worker Memorial Day, let us honor the memory of those we have lost by renewing our commitment to promoting workplace safety and advocating for the rights of all workers. Together, we can strive to ensure that every worker returns home safely at the end of the day.

