

## House Resolution 107 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

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1 A Resolution designating February 23, annually, as  
2 Utility Worker Appreciation Day.

3 WHEREAS, the profession of utility workers is  
4 steeped in personal, family, and professional  
5 tradition; and

6 WHEREAS, utility workers are often first responders  
7 during storms and other catastrophic events, working  
8 to make the scene safe for their fellow public safety  
9 heroes; and

10 WHEREAS, utility workers work with thousands of  
11 volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours per  
12 day, 365 days a year; and

13 WHEREAS, utility workers keep electricity flowing by  
14 working in deep trenches, welding gas lines to seal or  
15 make repairs, performing leak detection, and ensuring  
16 pipeline integrity to safely deliver natural gas to  
17 customers; and

18 WHEREAS, utility workers ensure that our water  
19 supply is safe and reliable and that our wastewater is  
20 cleaned before re-entering Iowa's waterways; and

21 WHEREAS, utility workers such as wind turbine  
22 technicians, power plant operators, line clearance tree  
23 trimmers, distributors, and dispatchers work around the  
24 clock to keep our generation plants, wind turbines, and  
25 solar energy sites operating efficiently and ensuring  
26 the flow of energy to businesses, homes, and factories  
27 even during the worst disasters; and

28 WHEREAS, utility workers must often work under

1 dangerous conditions far from their families to  
2 construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of the  
3 state of Iowa, especially during the Iowa derecho in  
4 August 2020 and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and  
5 utility workers have continued to maintain the state  
6 infrastructure despite all the obstacles with which  
7 they are confronted; and

8 WHEREAS, utility workers put their lives on the line  
9 every day with little recognition from the community  
10 regarding the danger of their work; NOW THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
12 the House of Representatives designates February 23,  
13 annually, as Utility Worker Appreciation Day, and calls  
14 upon the people of Iowa to be particularly mindful of  
15 the dangerous work done under extreme conditions day in  
16 and day out by these dedicated public safety workers  
17 and show their appreciation at every opportunity.