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**Workers Memorial Day Honors Iowans Who Lost Their Lives in the Workplace**

DES MOINES - Iowans will gather Friday, April 27, 2012 to pay tribute and to reflect upon Iowa workers who lost their lives while working in 2011. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Iowa Workforce Development, 1000 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Wallace Building Auditorium located west of the Iowa Workforce Building at 502 East 9<sup>th</sup> St.

“Workers Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember Iowans who in the past year have died in Iowa's workplaces and serving in our Military. This is also a day to reflect on the lives that were lost and to renew our commitment to safe and healthy workplaces for all Iowans” said Iowa Labor Commissioner Michael A. Mauro.

During calendar year 2011, 43 Iowans died from injuries sustained while working and 10 Iowans lost their lives while serving their country in the military. Additionally, untold numbers of Iowans are injured from exposures in the workplace.

Unions of the AFL-CIO set aside a day each year as Workers Memorial Day. South Central Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, Iowa Division of Labor and State and Local dignitaries will gather to honor those that have lost their lives. Family and friends of the deceased are invited to attend this annual ceremony.

Governor Terry Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds and Labor Commissioner Michael A. Mauro will be joined by representatives of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and representatives from various Labor Organizations and State and Local Dignitaries.

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