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Senator Robach Recognizes June as Young Workers' Safety Month

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing June 2011 as Young Workers' Safety

Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Employment is a valuable part of a young person's learning and

development; and

WHEREAS, This June, thousands of New York's young workers will commence their summer jobs, joining the more than four million young workers who are employed in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Young workers are more likely to be injured while working than are adults, and nationwide approximately 150,000 young workers suffer from work related injuries each year; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-seven young workers died from on-the-job injuries in New York State between the years 2007 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, The rate of injuries suffered by young workers in New York State increased in 2009; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Young Worker Safety and Health Project was formed in an effort to minimize work related injuries and illnesses for young workers; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Young Worker Safety and Health Project is composed of representatives of: the New York State Department of Labor, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Education Department, the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, New York

State United Teachers, the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health, the New York State Assembly Subcommittee on Workplace Safety, the Youth Construction Initiative Program and several other community based organizations representing young workers and teachers; and

WHEREAS, This year, the New York State Young Worker Safety and Health Project is holding "Young Worker Safety Night" at four ballparks throughout New York State: Falcon Park in Auburn, Dwyer Stadium in Batavia, Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park in Jamestown, and Joseph Bruno Stadium in Troy; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Young Worker Safety and Health Project is introducing "Passport to Safety," an online training program which teaches young workers about their rights on the job and how to stay safe at work; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize June 2011 as Young Workers' Safety Month in the State of New York and to urge all to take appropriate recognition of this occasion.