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LABOR DAY A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE WORKERS

By Representative Gary Hebl

For many of us, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer and provides an opportunity to spend time with friends and family at cookouts, kick off the football season, and enjoy a much deserved day off from work.

Labor Day is also a time to honor the incredible contributions the labor movement has made to American society and the American worker's standard of living. The movement's tireless efforts and extraordinary sacrifices improved conditions for all working-class citizens of the United States.

Originating in 1894, Labor Day shines as a way of recognizing the spirit of the labor movement at that time. Ordinary men and women struggled mightily for many of the workplace rights that we now take for granted. Many of these American workers gave their lives to this movement, allowing us to enjoy these rights today.

For the past five-plus years, much of the hard work accomplished by these brave men and women all those years ago has been stepped on. In our state and across the country, new laws such as Wisconsin's so-called "right-to-work" law have undermined much of what has been fought for over the previous century. These attacks serve as a reminder that, while much of the groundwork for the labor movement was laid many years ago, we must continue to fight for working-class families.

The labor movement was founded on the principle of unity among working people. It is my hope that this Labor Day can serve as an opportunity for Wisconsin citizens to consider past sacrifices, unite against attempts to divide working people, and strive to uphold the longstanding Wisconsin values of hard work, fair play, cooperation and respect.

This upcoming Labor Day holiday, while you are enjoying the day, remember to take a minute to reflect on what it took to get that day off. Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

Rep. Gary Hebl represents the 46th Assembly District, which includes the cities of Sun Prairie and Stoughton, the village of Cottage Grove, and the townships of Cottage Grove, Dunkirk, Pleasant Springs, and Sun Prairie.

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