

Resolution 2030-R-030105

- A resolution in recognition of the March 31st Cesar Chavez Holiday

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Whereas, Cesar Chavez, a treasured American, spent a lifetime building a credible legacy of achievement and service by working for economic and social justice for farmworkers; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez, working with the Community Service Organization in California, led voter registration drives that helped register native born Latinos; and

Whereas, in 1962, when the Community Service Organization refused to create a farmworkers' union, Cesar Chavez resigned and founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America, bringing national attention to the plight of farmworkers through nonviolent protests including fasting; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez led boycotts calling attention to health problems farmworkers suffered due to the use of certain pesticides on crops; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez was recognized by the United States and Mexico with each country's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Aguila Azteca respectively, for his enormous contributions to ending injustice; and

Whereas, in 2003, the United States Postal Service commemorated the life of Cesar Chavez with a postage stamp because he was a man of strength and conviction whose life serves as an example of determination and humility to all of us; and

Whereas, Cesar Chavez's example has motivated countless people to take up and to support causes that he championed and popularized, making a positive and lasting change for farmworkers; and

Whereas, March 31st has previously been recognized by the United States Congress and by states and local communities around the country as Cesar Chavez Day;

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Student Senate of The University of Toledo recognizes and celebrates the March 31st Cesar Chavez holiday; and

Furthermore let it be resolved, that Student Senate recognizes and supports efforts by University of Toledo faculty and students to educate about and celebrate Cesar Chavez's life and legacy during the week of March 31st; and

Furthermore let it be resolved, that University of Toledo students are encouraged to participate in some form of voluntary service to others during the week of March 31st in honor of Cesar Chavez.