

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 SECOND SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 393

5 Introduced by Aguilar, 35

6 WHEREAS, on March 31, 1927, Cesar Chavez was born on a
7 small ranch near Yuma, Arizona; and

8 WHEREAS, when severe drought forced the Chavez family to
9 give up their ranch in Yuma, they began picking crops on California
10 farms; and

11 WHEREAS, after serving our nation in World War II, Cesar
12 Chavez returned to farm labor in California and began advocating
13 for workers' rights; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1962, Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm
15 Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of
16 America (UFW), AFL-CIO, the first successful farm workers' union in
17 United States' history; and

18 WHEREAS, under Cesar Chavez's tireless leadership, the
19 UFW was the first to win collective bargaining for farm workers;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, at its peak in the 1980's, the UFW's collective
22 bargaining agreements covered approximately 80,000 workers across
23 the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez led a successful five-year
25 grape-pickers' strike that rallied millions of supporters to the
26 UFW and forged a national coalition of unions, church groups,

1 students, minorities, and consumers; and

2 WHEREAS, on April 23, 1993, Cesar Chavez passed away,
3 leaving behind an enduring legacy of service and leadership; and

4 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez's influence has made a lasting
5 impact on farm labor issues and inspired millions of Latinos to
6 achieve educational and political success; and

7 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2004, individuals and organizations
8 throughout Nebraska are encouraged to celebrate Cesar Chavez's life
9 and work by participating in community service projects.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

12 1. That the Legislature hereby designates March 31,
13 2004, as "Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning".