

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1608

By Senator Hensley

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing the Congress of the  
10 United States to designate a national holiday in honor of Cesar Chavez.

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12 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers of  
13 America, AFL-CIO, dedicated his life to the cause of justice for farm  
14 workers. Through his dedication, Cesar Chavez built not only a union but  
15 a movement of all races to continue the endless struggle to fight for  
16 workers' rights, civil rights and human rights; and

17 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a role model for all workers, especially  
18 for Latinos and their children; and

19 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez taught us to use power in a nonviolent  
20 manner and to employ this principle to secure justice for all workers in  
21 the labor movement; and

22 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a recipient of the Martin Luther King,  
23 Jr. Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

24 WHEREAS, His death on April 23, 1993, brought the Latino com-  
25 munity together to continue his struggle to obtain justice and to secure a  
26 better life by organizing unions at the workplace; and

27 WHEREAS, A resolution is pending in the United States Congress to  
28 commemorate the spirit of Cesar Chavez and an earlier resolution was  
29 introduced to establish a national holiday in memory of Cesar Chavez:  
30 Now, therefore,

31 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*  
32 *resentatives concurring therein:* That we urge the adoption of a reso-  
33 lution providing for a national holiday honoring Cesar Chavez and that  
34 this holiday be celebrated on Cesar Chavez's birthday, March 31; and

35 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State send enrolled cop-  
36 ies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the  
37 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each mem-  
38 ber of the Kansas congressional delegation.