A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM MARCH 31 AS CESAR CHAVEZ DAY.

WHEREAS, Cesar E. Chavez was born on March 31, 1927 to Juana and Librado Chavez, a merchant, farmer and postmaster for a community near Yuma, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Cesar grew up during the depression and, like so many others in that period, experienced the hardships and heartaches of his family's loss of their farm and business; and

WHEREAS, the Chavez family, as so many others, went to California as migrant farm workers; and

WHEREAS, as a migrant farm worker, Cesar grew up under circumstances that made it hard to get an education, have a permanent home or achieve many of the components of the American dream; and

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1   WHEREAS, he decided to dedicate himself to helping his

2   fellow farmworkers and became a spokesman for better working

3   conditions, better pay and equal justice in the farm fields of

4   America; and

5   WHEREAS, he was instrumental in getting the united farm

6   workers of America founded in 1962; and

7   WHEREAS, he persevered through bitter confrontations,

8   jailings and physical threats to his life and won many of the

9   goals he had pursued for his fellow workers;

10   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

11   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to proclaim

12   an annual day of commemoration, March 31, as Cesar Chavez day;

13   and

14   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

15   transmitted to the governor and to Helen Fabela Chavez.

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State of New Mexico
House of Representatives

February 20, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your **VOTERS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward C. Sandoval, Chairman

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7   The roll call vote was __11__ For _0_ Against

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10 Absent: None

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