THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, APRIL 18, 2007

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating April 23, 2007, as "Cesar Chavez Day" in
- 2 Pennsylvania to honor his achievements in improving
- 3 farmworker health and safety.
- 4 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was born in Arizona on March 31, 1927,
- 5 and died on April 23, 1993, only a few miles from his
- 6 birthplace; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavez lived most of his adult life in
- 8 California, a state that in many regards is dependent on its
- 9 farmworkers for providing for one of its largest economies; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavez was a Mexican-American farmworker, labor
- 11 leader and civil rights activist who cofounded the National Farm
- 12 Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavez dedicated his life to improving the
- 15 health and safety aspects of farm work for its workers and is
- 16 considered to be a hero; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Chavez never feared reprisals or intimidation in

- 1 his efforts to improve the lot of the working poor; and
- 2 WHEREAS, A growing number of states with large agricultural
- 3 economies have established a "Cesar Chavez Day," and it is
- 4 fitting that Pennsylvania do so; therefore be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
- 6 23, 2007, as "Cesar Chavez Day" in Pennsylvania.