COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS
Michigan State University

Resolution: 17-SS-32
Title: A Resolution to Memorialize Cesar Chavez through Building/College Name or Statue
Introduced by: President Jordan, Maisie Rodriguez  Introduced on: 2-15-2017
Supported by: Michigan Indigena/Chicano Community Alliance

THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACTS:

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist who co-founded the United Farm Workers Union;
RECOGNIZING, That Cesar Chávez is one of the most recognized Latino activists in the United States, having received the Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting the Disadvantaged, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994;
RECOGNIZING, That advocacy, equality, humane treatment, and safer working conditions for migrant workers are hallmarks of Mr. Chavez's legacy, which made him the symbol for migrant work in the United States;
RECOGNIZING, As a land-grant university, Michigan State University formerly known as the Agriculture College of the State of Michigan was established to ensure the education and training of future generations of farmers, and currently honors Cesar Chavez's contributions to agriculture through a special collection section in the MSU Library;
RECOGNIZING, Several other Colleges and Universities including the University of Arizona, UC Berkeley, UCLA, San Francisco State University, and University of Northern Colorado have buildings named in honor of Mr. Chavez's exceptional work on behalf of migrant workers;
BE IT RESOLVED, That COGS supports memorializing Cesar Chavez by renaming the MSU Library, the College of Agriculture or another building on the East Lansing campus of MSU in his honor. Likewise, COGS also supports the creation of statue in lieu of a building name in honor of the contributions Cesar Chavez made to the field of agriculture;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, COGS recognizes the significance of naming Ag Hall after Cesar Chavez and the positive impact it would have on the Chicano/Latino communities at MSU and the State of Michigan;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect at the conclusion of the Full Council Meeting in which it is adopted.

INTRODUCED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

Consent
- AGAINT
- ABSTAIN

Recording Secretary

President