

**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/Chicanx Community Alliance

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ENACTS:**

1           WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist who co-  
2 founded the United Farm Workers Union;

3           RECOGNIZING, That Cesar Chávez is one of the most recognized Latino activists in the  
4 United States, having received the Jefferson Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting the  
5 Disadvantaged, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994;

6           RECOGNIZING, That advocacy, equality, humane treatment, and safer working  
7 conditions for migrant workers are hallmarks of Mr. Chavez's legacy, which made him the  
8 symbol for migrant work in the United States;

9           RECOGNIZING, As a land-grant university, Michigan State University formerly known  
10 as the Agriculture College of the State of Michigan was established to ensure the education and  
11 training of future generations of farmers, and currently honors Cesar Chavez's contributions to  
12 agriculture through a special collection section in the MSU Library;

13           RECOGNIZING, Several other Colleges and Universities including the University of  
14 Arizona, UC Berkeley, UCLA, San Francisco State University, and University of Northern  
15 Colorado have buildings named in honor of Mr. Chavez's exceptional work on behalf of migrant  
16 workers;

17           BE IT RESOLVED, That COGS supports memorializing Cesar Chavez by renaming the  
18 MSU Library, the College of Agriculture or another building on the East Lansing campus of MSU  
19 in his honor. Likewise, COGS also supports the creation of statue in lieu of a building name in  
20 honor of the contributions Cesar Chavez made to the field of agriculture;

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, COGS recognizes the significance of naming Ag Hall  
22 after Cesar Chavez and the positive impact it would have on the Chicanx/Latinx communities at  
23 MSU and the State of Michigan;

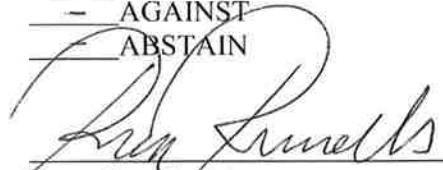
24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect at the conclusion of  
25 the Full Council Meeting in which it is adopted.

INTRODUCED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

unanimous Consent FOR

- AGAINST  
- ABSTAIN

  
Recording Secretary

  
President