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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. _____**

Introduced by: Harris

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing "Farmworkers
2 Awareness Week", Cesar Chavez, and the work of Proteus, Inc.

3 *Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness employs more than 30,000*
4 *year-round, seasonal, and migrant farmworkers who are key*
5 *partners for the safety, security, and sustainability of Indiana's*
6 *food supply;*

7 *Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farmworkers contributes*
8 *billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and*
9 *agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the*
10 *state;*

11 *Whereas, Indiana honors all people who plant, cultivate,*
12 *harvest, and process Indiana's agricultural products;*

13 *Whereas, March 31 is the birthday of Cesar Chavez, whose*

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1 *dedication and nonviolent organizing for wages, safe labor*
2 *conditions, and the dignity of the women, men, and children*
3 *who toil in the fields moved him to lead a nationwide peaceful*
4 *struggle for farmworker justice that continues today;*

5 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit*
6 *organization based in Iowa that has been serving migrant and*
7 *seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;*

8 *Whereas, In addition to their main office in Iowa, Proteus,*
9 *Inc. serves a constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*

10 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. was created to help provide*
11 *communities with health, educational, and economic*
12 *opportunities;*

13 *Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus, Inc. strives to make*
14 *its programs accessible to as many members of the community*
15 *as possible; embraces diversity in its staff, recipients of its*
16 *services, program delivery, and its programs as a whole;*
17 *develops a culture of respect and acceptance in its organization*
18 *and general community; creates, evaluates, and maintains*
19 *programs to meet the changing needs of communities; and*
20 *treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner;*
21 *and*

22 *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout*
23 *Indiana, and the strength of the industry's workers continue to*
24 *keep Indiana great: Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

27 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
28 recognizes: the efforts of Indiana's farmworkers and their many
29 contributions to the agricultural industry in Indiana; the
30 contributions of Cesar Chavez and remembers him on the
31 occasion of his birthday, March 31; and Proteus, Inc. and its
32 efforts to help bring a fair wage and safe and secure working
33 environments to all members of Indiana's agricultural labor
34 force.

35 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- 1 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
- 2 office of State Representative Earl Harris Jr. for distribution.

