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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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 Awareness Week", the birthday of Cesar Chavez, and the work
 of Proteus, Inc.

4 Whereas, Indiana's agribusiness employs over 30,000 year-5 round, seasonal, and migrant farm workers who are key 6 partners for the safety, security, and sustainability of our food 7 supply;

8 Whereas, The labor of Indiana's farm workers contributes 9 billions of dollars annually to the state's economy, and 10 agriculture continues to be one of the principal industries in the 11 state;

Whereas, Indiana honors all those who plant, cultivate,
harvest, and process our agricultural products;

Whereas, March 31 is the birthday of Cesar Chavez, whose
dedication to nonviolent organizing for just wages, safe labor
conditions, and the dignity of the women, men, and children
who toil in the fields moved him to lead a nationwide peaceful
struggle for farm worker justice that continues today;



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Whereas, Proteus, Inc. is an Iowa-based private, 501(c)(3)
 nonprofit organization that has been serving migrant and
 seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, and others since 1979;

- 4 Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus serves a 5 constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;
- 6 Whereas, Proteus, Inc. was created to help provide 7 communities with health, educational, and economic 8 opportunities;

9 Whereas, To achieve its goals, Proteus strives to make its programs accessible to as many members of the community as 10 possible; embraces diversity in its staff, recipients of its 11 services, program delivery, and in programs as a whole; 12 develops a culture of respect and acceptance in its 13 organization and general community; creates, evaluates, and 14 maintains programs to meet the changing needs of 15 16 communities; and treats all people in an honest, caring, and respectful manner; and 17

- 18 Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout
 19 our state, and the strength of the industry's workers continue to
 20 keep it great: Therefore,
- Be it resolved by the Senate of the
 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes the efforts of Indiana's farmworkers and their many contributions to the agricultural industry in our state. The members of the Indiana Senate also recognize the contributions of Cesar Chavez and acknowledge him on his birthday. Organizations like Proteus, Inc. help to bring a fair wage and safe and secure working environments to all the members of Indiana's agricultural labor force.

30 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 31 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Kokomo chapter of Proteus,
 32 Inc.

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