



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION URGING CREATION OF CÉSAR E. CHAVEZ NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Hilda Solis and Senator John McCain initiated the process of an historical resource study relating to Cesar E. Chavez and the Farm Labor Movement with the joint introduction and the passage of federal legislation signed by President George W. Bush in May 2008; and

WHEREAS, by Presidential Proclamation the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument was established at Nuestra Senora Reina de la Paz in Keene, California on October 8, 2012 with four sites significant to the farm labor movement enumerated to bear a relationship to the Monument in the management plan, including the Forty Acres National Historic Landmark site, Filipino Community Hall in Delano, California, the Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Arizona, and McDonnell Hall in San Jose, California; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Deacon Sal Alvarez, M.S.W., California LULAC State Chaplain, testified on behalf of National LULAC in March 2007 at the request of Congresswoman Hilda Solis before the U.S. Congressional Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, while also serving as Chair of the LULAC National Healthcare Commission, in support of federal legislation (HR 359) requiring the U.S. Secretary of Interior to complete a resource study of sites in the western United States in consideration of the criteria for the study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park System and Rev. Alvarez traveled tirelessly to participate in every meeting conducted by the National Park Service across California and Arizona throughout the resource study; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of Interior Kenneth Salazar championed the initiation and completion of the Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study, U.S. Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell recommended to Congress in Fall 2013 the establishment of a new national historical park to include five sites: (1) the Forty Acres National Historic Landmark site, (2) the Filipino Community Hall in Delano, California, (3) Nuestra Senora Reina de la Paz (the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument) in Keene, California, (4) McDonnell Hall in San Jose, California, and (5) the Santa Rita Center in Phoenix, Arizona, as well as exploration of opportunities to interpret and commemorate the historic 1966 March Route from Delano to Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus have introduced legislation and leaders among the California congressional delegation, among others, have demonstrated commitment to advancing and achieving the establishment of a Cesar E. Chavez National Historical Park.

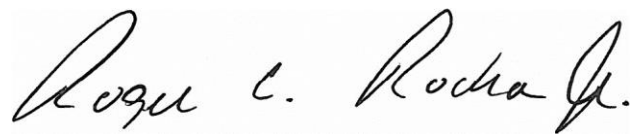
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC strongly urges bipartisan Congressional and Presidential action, consistent with bipartisan efforts of the past decade, to create the Cesar E. Chavez National Historical Park.

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IN MEMORY OF REV. DEACON SAL ALVAREZ, M.S.W. (1940 – 2015).

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Rocha, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.
LULAC National President