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

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

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

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

20 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. is an Iowa-based private,*
21 *501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been serving*
22 *migrant and seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, and others*
23 *since 1979;*



1 *Whereas, In addition to offices in Iowa, Proteus serves a*
2 *constituency in Indiana and Nebraska;*

3 *Whereas, Proteus, Inc. was created to help provide*
4 *communities with health, educational, and economic*
5 *opportunities;*

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

15 *Whereas, The agricultural industry is strong throughout*
16 *our state, and the strength of the industry's workers continue*
17 *to keep it great: Therefore,*

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
19 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
20 *concurring:*

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

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

