

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1753

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dolores Huerta for her accomplishments and contributions as an American civil rights and labor leader.

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta was born Dolores Clara Fernández on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta began her career as a teacher and, witnessing her students come to school with empty stomachs and bare feet became unbearable; and

WHEREAS, She continued her lifelong journey of serving others by working to correct economic injustice; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Dolores Huerta founded the Agricultural Workers Association, set up voter registration drives and persuaded local governments to implement barrio improvements; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, she continued her work by co-founding the National Farm Workers Association with César Chávez. The association would later become the United Farm Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, Through her work with the United Farm Workers of America, Dolores Huerta became one of the most prominent Mexican-American female labor leaders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Dolores Huerta received the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame, which recognized her extraordinary work to improve human rights; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Dolores Huerta also received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights for her lifelong passion for social justice, civil rights and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, On May 29, 2012, Dolores Huerta was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, by President Barack Obama at the White House in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, As a leader in the fight for equal rights, Dolores Huerta has worked her entire life to improve working conditions for farmworkers and to fight against discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta has made positive contributions to the advancement of the Latino community in Kansas and all over the country, and her accomplishments should be properly acknowledged within the history and culture of the United States: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we recognize Dolores Huerta for her significant achievements and congratulate her on her 90th birthday on April 10, 2020; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send five enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.

Senate Resolution No. 1753 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.