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H. RES. 279

Supporting the designation of April 10 as “Dolores Huerta Day”, in honor of the accomplishments and legacy of Dolores Huerta.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2023

Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CORREA, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COSTA, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of April 10 as “Dolores Huerta Day”, in honor of the accomplishments and legacy of Dolores Huerta.

Whereas Dolores Huerta was born on April 10, 1930, in Dawson, New Mexico;

Whereas Dolores Huerta began her activism career in 1955 when she cofounded the Stockton, California, chapter of the Community Services Organization, which worked to improve voting access and economic conditions for Latinos;

Whereas, with her coorganizer César Chávez, Dolores Huerta founded the National Farm Workers Association, a forerunner to United Farm Workers, in 1962;

Whereas Dolores Huerta helped organize the Delano grape worker strike in 1965 and was the lead negotiator in developing the ensuing contract;

Whereas Dolores Huerta was instrumental in the enactment of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, the first law in the United States that allowed farm workers to collectively organize and bargain;

Whereas Dolores Huerta has worked tirelessly to create safer working conditions for farm workers, including eliminating harmful pesticides;

Whereas Dolores Huerta served as the voice for feminism and women's equality within the farm workers movement;

Whereas Dolores Huerta originated the phrase "Sí Se Puede", which became a rallying cry for the farm workers movement and against injustice;

Whereas Dolores Huerta remained committed to her principles of nonviolence, even when faced with violence at the hands of police and growers;

Whereas Dolores Huerta worked in the latter part of her career to elect more Latinos and women to political office, and has been a champion for women's rights;

Whereas, in 2003, Dolores Huerta founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation to continue her legacy of fighting for equality and civil rights, and is currently the president of this foundation;

Whereas Dolores Huerta has received numerous awards, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award and

the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor; and

Whereas the United States should continue the efforts of Dolores Huerta to ensure equal protection under the law and civil rights for all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of “Dolores
- 3 Huerta Day”; and
- 4 (2) honors Dolores Huerta’s contributions to
- 5 advancing civil rights and equality.

