Cesar Chavez led by example and he motivated thousands of people to become involved in the migrant farm worker struggle by joining the United Farm Workers (UFW), which he co-founded. He led successful strikes/boycotts against big agricultural companies for fair wages, safety, and respect. He was a man of courage, faith and love who shared his strength with thousands and inspired millions of Americans. As a leader in the fight for social justice, he was a hero to farmworkers, to the Latino community, to the labor movement and to me.

Cesar Estrada Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, near Yuma, Arizona. In 1962, Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers—the UFW. With persistence, hard work and faith, Chavez built a great union that galvanized the spirit of all people through commitment to the struggle for justice through nonviolence. He devoted his life to inspire his fellow farmworkers and to fire the conscience of the rest of us.

It was my great fortune to work with Cesar Chavez as a colleague and friend. Cesar’s efforts were critical in focusing public attention on our nation’s deplorable treatment of migrant farmworkers. Through his leadership and his legacy, the United Farm Workers has grown in strength in its efforts to achieve a lasting justice for farmworkers.

On this anniversary of his birthday, it is appropriate to mention that today across the nation and in this Chamber there are numerous efforts to commemorate the life and work of Cesar Chavez. I am grateful for the opportunity to express my thoughts about Cesar and to be among the many to celebrate the life of one of the most heroic figures in American history.

Cesar Chavez was a great man who experienced justice, love and humility. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cesar, whose dedication to the plight of farmworkers has inspired us all. I salute him for his courage and commitment to La Causa (the cause).

Ms. BALDWIN (at the request of Mr. GEPPERD) for today on account of a death in the family.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes today.

Mr. PAULSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCZYK, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHAEFFER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PILARDO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SKELTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHELBY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GIGGERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTS UPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I move that this House adjourn. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.