

By Senator Hill

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the tireless work of Paul Vásquez on behalf of the working people of Florida and expressing condolences to his family and friends on his untimely death.

WHEREAS, Paul Vásquez, was born in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Mexican immigrants, and grew up working in the migrant camps of Michigan beside his parents and siblings, and

WHEREAS, Paul Vásquez at an early age developed a strong work ethic and a great desire to speak out against discrimination and injustice anywhere he saw it, and

WHEREAS, prior to his service as Florida field director for the AFL-CIO, Paul Vásquez served as the first Hispanic city councilman elected in Flint, Michigan, where he sponsored a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the lives of the state's Hispanic residents, and

WHEREAS, one of Paul Vásquez' proudest achievements was passage by the city council of a measure that won Flint the distinction of becoming the first city in the nation to name a street after labor leader César Chávez, and

WHEREAS, Paul Vásquez drew strength from his faith and from the words of his hero, Chávez, who said, "There is no turning back. We will win. We are winning because ours is a revolution of mind and heart." NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate pays tribute to the tireless work of Paul

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30 Vásquez on behalf of the working people of Florida and expresses  
31 condolences to his family and friends on his untimely death.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with  
33 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Mrs. Gloria  
34 Vásquez, widow of Paul Vásquez, as a tangible token of the  
35 sentiments of the Florida Senate.