

HOUSE BILL 131

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Commemorative Days – Cesar Chavez Day**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor annually to proclaim a certain day as
4 Cesar Chavez Day; and generally relating to commemorative days.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – State Government

7 Section 13–408

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Cesar Estrada Chavez was a farm worker and leader who fought
12 for civil rights, economic and environmental justice, and worker rights in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez cofounded and led the United Farm Workers of
15 America; and

16 WHEREAS, He is widely recognized as one of the great civil rights leaders in
17 United States history; and

18 WHEREAS, Because of his life’s work, six other states have enacted laws
19 establishing a Cesar Chavez commemorative day; now, therefore,

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – State Government**

2 **13-408.**

3 **THE GOVERNOR ANNUALLY SHALL PROCLAIM MARCH 31 AS CESAR**
4 **CHAVEZ DAY.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2009.