Public Law 100-282
100th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate April 8, 1988, as "Dennis Chavez Day".

Apr. 6, 1988
[S.J. Res. 206]

Whereas the Honorable Dennis Chavez was the first native-born Hispanic elected to the United States Senate;
Whereas Dennis Chavez served the State of New Mexico and his country in a most distinguished manner, serving as a United States Representative for four years and as a United States Senator for twenty-seven years until his death in office;
Whereas Dennis Chavez was the highest ranking Hispanic in the Federal Government for over thirty years;
Whereas Dennis Chavez was too poor to attend high school, but later passed a special entrance exam to attend Georgetown Law School;
Whereas Dennis Chavez provided a source of pride and inspiration to the underprivileged;
Whereas Dennis Chavez served as a spokesman for the poor and oppressed;
Whereas Dennis Chavez exemplifies the true public servant;
Whereas Dennis Chavez provided an everlasting symbol of opportunity found only in America; and
Whereas 1988 marks the centenary of the birth of Dennis Chavez: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 8, 1988 is designated as "Dennis Chavez Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all Government agencies and the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved April 6, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 206:

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