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Multi-culture Workshop

Cesar Chavez

Senator Robert Kennedy called Chavez “one of the heroic figures of our time”. Cesar Chaves was born on a small farm in Yuma, Arizona. When he was a child, his family lost their farm, so they had to move from place to place. His parents worked hard even though the pay was little. Therefore, Chavez could not complete school, but he always loved studying. During World War II, he joined the United States Navy and served in the Pacific. After that, he returned to migrant farm work in California, and joined the Community Service Organization (CSO), which trained people to form groups that worked to improve their communities. Through this movement, he begun to work to make sure people were not treated unfairly because of their backgrounds. He decided to start an organization to support farmworkers. Thus, he set up the National farm Workers Association in 1962, and he fought to improve working conditions for farmworkers. Also, he organized strikes and boycotts against grape growers because they treated

farmworkers unfairly. By his efforts, he was able to reach his goal, so after that he was awarded the Residential Medal of Freedom from the United States and Mexico to honor his effort. That is why he was called “ one of the heroic figures”.