



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 30

February 24, 1997 - Introduced by Representative KUNICKI, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1 **AN ACT Relating to:** commending the United Farm Workers of America's
2 campaign to organize strawberry workers.

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

4 Whereas, farm workers toiling in strawberry fields are among the more
5 exploited workers in the nation; and

6 Whereas, over 20,000 women, men and children working in California
7 strawberry fields typically spend 10 to 12 hours a day picking fruit from ankle-level
8 plants, suffer chronic back pain and injuries and experience the dangerous effects
9 of pesticide poisoning; and

10 Whereas, strawberry workers have not received wages above the poverty level
11 for 10 years; and

12 Whereas, most strawberry workers have few or no medical benefits, sexual
13 harassment is commonplace and bathrooms in the fields are filthy; and

14 Whereas, over 20,000 strawberry workers are tired of these terrible conditions
15 and seek safety, security and a voice on the job; and

16 Whereas, the United Farm Workers of America are leading a public pledge
17 campaign to advocate for the rights of strawberry workers; now, therefore, be it

