

Resolution
of
Toledo City Council
Toledo, Ohio

Memorializing the Life
Of
Santiago Rafael Cruz
April 11, 2007

WHEREAS, the Toledo-based Farm Labor Organizing Committee has announced that organizer Santiago Rafael Cruz, a former resident of the City of Toledo was found tied and beaten to death in their Monterrey, Mexico office; and

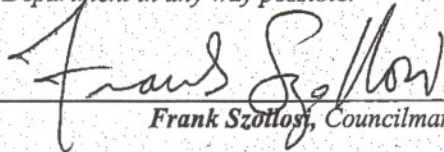
WHEREAS, the City of Toledo mourns the death of Mr. Cruz and celebrates his life and activism working on behalf of Mexican immigrants, many of whom have family and friends in Northwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, since their breakthrough agreement in North Carolina in 2004, FLOC has had to battle against anti-union hostility in the South's "right-to-work" environment, and has had to put up with constant attacks in both the U.S. and Mexico-including their staff being harassed, their office being burglarized and broken into several times as well as a number of other attempted break-ins; and

WHEREAS, Santiago Cruz's murder strikes at FLOC's vision, which Toledo City Council supports, of human rights as the standard and self-determination as the process in the struggle for justice for those who have been marginalized and exploited on behalf of others;

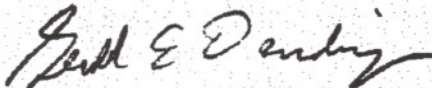
NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the City of Toledo hereby seeks justice in the apparent murder of Santiago Rafael Cruz and in the strongest terms encourages city, state and federal authorities in Monterrey, Mexico to pursue and bring to justice those responsible for this horrific crime, and pledges the full support of the Toledo Police Department in any way possible.

Sponsored By: _____



Frank Szotlos, Councilman At-Large

Attest: _____



Gerald E. Dendinger, Clerk of Council