

Dignitaries Pay Tribute to César Chávez on His Day

■ **Family members, school-children and politicians are among those who celebrate the late leader's birthday.**

Dignitaries including Paul Chávez, the son of the revered Mexican-American cultural leader César Chávez, gathered to pay tribute to the late hero on his actual birthday, Wednesday, March 31, at Placita Olvera, next to Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles.

Chávez was a man of dignity, power and truth, who worked hard for the civil rights of

the country's Mexican Americans, according to Hilda Cevallos, who hosted the fourth annual celebration.

The celebration was sponsored by the Instituto Cultural Mexicano del Los Angeles. In addition to Paul Chávez, other dignitaries included Salvador Jimenez, acting consul general of Mexico in Los Angeles; Susana Bautista, director of the Mexican Cultural Institute; two area gradeschools named for the late hero; and the mariachi group Los Arrieros. The students marched around the plaza, ending in front of the bandstand, singing *De Colores*.

"The family is honored with many things named for my father," Paul Chávez said. "Buildings are good. "But events like this keep his legacy alive,"

The celebration ended with more entertainment and educational workshops for children in the plaza, and with art presentations at the offices of the Mexican Cultural Institute. ■



Paul Chávez, son of the late hero César, talks about his father's legacy.



Hilda Cevallos hosted the fourth annual celebration.

Schoolchildren marching in honor of César Chávez.



César Chávez





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