



Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas Inc.



Tribute to Shelley Davis

WHEREAS, Shelley Davis dedicated her whole life to helping and supporting the most disenfranchised. Shelley always demonstrated humility, wisdom, honesty, honor, determination, dedication, kindness, and strength, and through her leadership, advocacy and dedication improved the lives of farmworkers and our families to ensure we had access to the preventive healthcare and well-being necessary to live healthy, safe and productive lives.

WHEREAS, Shelley Davis supported farmworker women and their families in their civic engagement; Shelley tirelessly searched for ways of working with various community-based farmworker organizations to provide information and training on preventive healthcare and labor rights, in such areas as HIV/AIDS, environmental health along the US-Mexico border, sexual abuse in the workplace and other issues associated with poverty and poor health.

WHEREAS, Shelley's years of dedication to improving law and policy affecting farmworkers not only advanced our causes, but also opened doors for us to do similar work and to restructure our organization to directly mobilize other farmworker women.

WHEREAS, since Shelley first learned of Lideres Campesinas she looked for ways to include us in her advocacy and to give us exposure at local, state, national and international levels. Shelley always helped Lideres Campesinas to provide workshops and trainings for farmworker women in the areas of preventive healthcare and labor rights.

WHEREAS, aided by Shelley Davis' leadership and tenacity, Lideres Campesinas began to plant some seeds to organize and empower the farmworker community, and farmworker women in particular, in the states of Washington, Arizona, Texas, Florida and some Mexican border regions.

WHEREAS, Lideres Campesinas could always count on Shelley, not only to train, educate and enhance the leadership skills of farmworker women, but also to motivate them as a role model, a hero and a leader.

WHEREAS, we recognize that due to Shelley's dedicated and sincere efforts, thousands of farmworker women and our families have learned about our rights and options available to us. We have learned the importance of preventive healthcare and the importance of standing up for ourselves and our families. We recognize that thousands of farmworker women and their families are honoring Shelley by taking action and spreading the word about access to preventive healthcare, and working to ensure justice and human rights for farmworkers.

WHEREAS, Shelley always believed in Lideres Campesinas – in our potential and in our cause -- and worked together with us to ensure that our human rights were respected. Through her kindness, friendship and leadership, she created opportunities for us and helped us to envision a future through a wider lens. The strength and beauty of her spirit gave strength to Lideres Campesinas. We know that without Shelley’s strength of character, Lideres Campesinas would not have achieved its goals and successes.

NOW THEREFORE, Lideres Campesinas pays tribute to and hereby recognizes Shelley Davis as our “Heroine.” And although we miss her spiritually and physically, she lives on in our hearts as we continue her fight for social, economic and political change to guarantee the human rights of farmworkers.

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S	H	E	LL	E	Y
Sabia (Sage)	Honesta (Honest)	Entusiasta (Enthusiastic)	Lider (Leader)	Entereza (Determination)	Y – Continuamos su honorabilidad (And – we maintain her integrity)
Sonriente (Smiling)	Heroína (Heroine)	Entereza (Determination)	Lista (Intelligent)	Entregada (Dedicated)	Y - Continuamos la lucha (And – we continue fighting)
Sensible (Sensitive)	Honorable	Excepcional (Exceptional)	Leal (Loyal)	Ecuanime (Calm)	Y - Continuamos su compromiso (And – we continue her commitment)
Soñadora (Dreamer)	Hermosa (Beautiful)	Especial (Special)	Luchista (Fighter)	Ejemplar (Exemplary)	Y - Continuamos sus ideales (And – we maintain her ideals)