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**IMMIGRANT WORKERS
FREEDOM RIDE**

HON. BOB FILNER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. FILNER: Mr. Speaker, when I was a college student over 40 years ago, I was one of the first Freedom Riders in Mississippi. With fellow students, we went to jail to spotlight for Americans the injustice and inhumanity of racial segregation.

Last week as a Congressman, I was able to meet and make personal the historical connection with the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. Tens of thousands of immigrants rode across our great Nation to spotlight for Americans the injustices and

inhumanity of our current immigration laws.

The Freedom Rides in the early 1960s did lead to the elimination of the laws of segregation. Let us work today to protect the rights of immigrants in the workplace, to ensure their civil liberties and civil rights, to reunite immigrant workers with their families, and to create a path to citizenship for those who work hard every day, pay their taxes, and support their families.

Let us truly salute the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride with real congressional action.