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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53
2 BY IVERSON AND GRONSTAL
3 A Resolution honoring Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
4 Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, and recognizing his
5 contributions to alleviating world hunger and
6 malnutrition, including the founding of the World
7 Food Prize.
8 WHEREAS, October 2001 marks the fifteenth
9 anniversary of the founding of Iowa's World Food
10 Prize; and
11 WHEREAS, the year 2001 is the one hundredth
12 anniversary of awarding the Nobel Peace Prize; and
13 WHEREAS, in 1970 Dr. Norman E. Borlaug received the
14 Nobel Peace Prize as father of the "Green Revolution"
15 which has resulted in saving millions of human lives
16 in the world by averting famine and alleviating hunger
17 and malnutrition; and
18 WHEREAS, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr. Norman E.
19 Borlaug envisioned the creation of the World Food
20 Prize, which would be the equivalent of the Nobel
21 Peace Prize for the advancement of human development
22 by improving the quality, quantity, and availability
23 of food in the world; and
24 WHEREAS, the World Food Prize Foundation has been
25 endowed by Des Moines philanthropist Mr. John Ruan,
26 which has enabled the annual \$250,000 award to be
27 presented to laureates from around the world,
28 including the People's Republic of China, Mexico,
29 Bangladesh, India, Switzerland, the United Kingdom,
30 and the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, the General Assembly and the State of Iowa
2 have for 10 years demonstrated a stalwart commitment
3 to the World Food Prize; and

4 WHEREAS, on October 18 and 19 of 2001, the World
5 Food Prize Foundation will conduct an International
6 Symposium in Des Moines, in honor of Dr. Borlaug; NOW
7 THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Iowans now and
9 in the future recognize Dr. Borlaug, a revered citizen
10 of this state and this nation, whose lasting
11 contributions to improving the world's food supply and
12 establishing the World Food Prize have benefited human
13 development and inspired persons to continue in his
14 great work; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Iowa, on
16 behalf of its citizens, expresses its great admiration
17 for Dr. Borlaug and conveys its sincere appreciation
18 for his lifetime dedication to uplifting the poor and
19 feeding the hungry; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That communities of Iowa
21 take actions necessary to recognize Dr. Borlaug and
22 commemorate his achievements during the fifteenth
23 anniversary year of the World Food Prize; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That educational
25 institutions in this state take actions necessary to
26 ensure that Dr. Borlaug's achievements and his
27 contributions to humanity are known to all students of
28 the state; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
30 endorse a proposal that October 16 of each year, World

1 Food Day, be known in this state as Dr. Norman E.
2 Borlaug Day, to ensure that present and future
3 generations of Iowans will have occasion to honor Dr.
4 Borlaug and recall his heroic contribution to
5 humanity.

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