

House Resolution 149 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

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1 A Resolution to recognize local farms and foods and to
2 recognize the week of October 14 through 20 as World
3 Food Prize Week in Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, healthy food is essential to the life,
5 health, and prosperity of all Iowans; and

6 WHEREAS, the economy and social fabric of this state
7 are inextricably linked to food production and food
8 production-related activities; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has inherited plentiful
10 fresh water and some of the most productive farmland in
11 the world, with the potential of feeding more hungry
12 people and generating sustainable incomes for more Iowa
13 families; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is a leader in the local
15 food economy, creating an efficient food production
16 infrastructure that links producers, processors,
17 distributors, and marketers to vibrant local consumers,
18 markets, and communities; and

19 WHEREAS, a state food production policy that is
20 designed to produce a safe, nutritious, and adequate

1 food supply for consumption must also balance economic,
2 environmental, and social considerations that are
3 important to the people of this state; and

4 WHEREAS, such food policy can enhance economic
5 prosperity by putting more Iowans to work in
6 agriculture, with the goal of continuously increasing
7 the percentage of Iowa food dollars spent on Iowa farm
8 products; and

9 WHEREAS, the World Food Prize emphasizes the
10 importance of a nutritious and sustainable food supply
11 for all people by improving the quality, quantity, or
12 availability of food in the world and has established
13 a record of engaging Iowans in a dialogue on important
14 issues related to food and hunger; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
16 the House of Representatives proclaims its support for
17 local farmers and local food production; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
19 Representatives recognizes October 14 through 20, 2012,
20 as World Food Prize Week in Iowa, and salutes the World
21 Food Prize Foundation on the completion of its Hall of
22 Laureates and for its role in making our state the food
23 capital of the world; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
25 Representatives encourages Iowa communities to create
26 local celebrations, discussions, and other activities
27 to explore how we, as Iowans, can promote and expand
28 local food economies, continuously improving the
29 quality, quantity, and availability of nutritious food
30 in our state.