

House Resolution 17 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY BEST

1 A Resolution celebrating the life and accomplishments
2 of Dr. Norman Borlaug and recognizing the one
3 hundred fifth anniversary of his birth on Monday,
4 March 25, 2019.

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Borlaug was born on March
6 25, 1914, on a farm in Howard County, Iowa, attended
7 kindergarten through 8th grade in a one-room school
8 house, graduated from high school in Cresco, Iowa,
9 and worked his way through college during the Great
10 Depression, eventually earning a doctorate degree in
11 plant pathology; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug's breakthrough achievements
13 in plant breeding resulted in dramatically increasing
14 wheat yields and saving as many as one billion
15 lives; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Borlaug received the Nobel
17 Peace Prize, in 1977 received the Presidential Medal of
18 Freedom, and in 2007 received the Congressional Gold
19 Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug's vision of creating a World
21 Food Prize honoring outstanding individuals who have
22 made vital contributions to improving the quality,
23 quantity, or availability of food throughout the world
24 was realized in 1986; and

25 WHEREAS, since then, World Food Prize Laureates have
26 been recognized from countries from around the world,
27 including Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Cape Verde,
28 China, Cuba, Denmark, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Israel,

1 Mexico, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Uganda, the
2 United Kingdom, and the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, on May 10, 2002, the Iowa General Assembly
4 enacted Senate File 2057, permanently recognizing
5 October 16 of each year as Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World
6 Food Prize Day; and

7 WHEREAS, each state is granted two statues of
8 notable citizens to be displayed in the United States
9 Capitol's Statuary Hall; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2011, the Iowa General
11 Assembly enacted House Joint Resolution 16 authorizing
12 the commission of a statue honoring Dr. Borlaug; and

13 WHEREAS, the bronze statue of Dr. Borlaug was
14 unveiled in the U.S. Capitol on March 25, 2014; NOW
15 THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
17 the House of Representatives celebrates the life's work
18 and memory of Dr. Norman Borlaug, and recognizes his
19 permanent legacy to humanity; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
21 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Ambassador
22 Kenneth M. Quinn, President of the World Food Prize
23 Foundation.