

CHAPTER 136

DR. NORMAN BORLAUG STATUE — PLACEMENT AT UNITED STATES CAPITOL

H.J.R. 16

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the placement of a statue in the United States capitol honoring Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

WHEREAS, each state may provide two statues of notable citizens for display in the United States capitol, and may replace the statues if a resolution to do so is approved by a state's legislature and governor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, educated in a one-room school and worked his way through college during the depression, eventually earning a doctorate degree in plant pathology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug, as a native son of Iowa, conducted groundbreaking work in breeding varieties of wheat to feed starving populations across the globe, earning the title of father of the "green revolution"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug's breakthrough achievements in plant breeding resulted in the saving of as many as one billion lives, leading to his being described as the man who saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Borlaug had the vision for the creation of the world food prize as the equivalent of a Nobel prize for food and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his service to humanity, Dr. Borlaug also received a Nobel peace prize, a presidential medal of freedom, and the congressional gold medal; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa and the Iowa general assembly have enacted a permanent day of recognition on October 16 as Dr. Norman E. Borlaug World Food Prize Day; NOW THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. REPLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION. The state of Iowa authorizes the replacement of the statue of James Harlan with a statue honoring Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

Sec. 2. COMMITTEE CREATED. A committee of seven is created, to be appointed by the governor and to serve at the pleasure of the governor, to exchange the statue of James Harlan currently on display in the United States capitol with a statue of Dr. Borlaug.

a. The committee shall select its own chairperson and establish its rules of procedure. The committee shall meet as may be deemed necessary by the chairperson. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

b. Members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for actual expenses.

c. The committee shall raise all of the funds necessary for the operation of the committee; and shall solicit donations to exchange the statue, commission the creation of a new statue, transport the replaced statue to the Iowa statehouse, and make all arrangements with the architect of the United States capitol necessary for the new statue to be put into place.

Sec. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The department of cultural affairs shall provide all necessary administrative support for the committee and shall administer the capitol statutory fund.

Sec. 4. CAPITOL STATUARY FUND. A capitol statutory fund is created in the state treasury, to be administered by the department of cultural affairs. The proceeds of the fund shall be used for the purposes specified in section 2 of this resolution. Any funds remaining after the exchange of statues shall be used to suitably restore and relocate the Harlan statue. The department may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and other moneys, including but not limited to state or federal moneys, and in-kind contributions for deposit in the fund. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any unexpended or unencumbered moneys remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund

of the state, but shall remain available from the fund for expenditure by the department in succeeding fiscal years for the purposes specified in section 2 of this resolution.

Sec. 5. DISPLAY OF REPLACED STATUE. The department of administrative services shall provide for a perpetual display of the replaced statue at a suitable location within the statehouse.

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