



## 2014 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

### Resolution on Norman Borlaug

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Norman Borlaug is revered as one of America's and the world's greatest agricultural scientists, responsible for saving hundreds of millions from famine, starvation and death; and
- Whereas,** Dr Borlaug is considered the Father of the Green Revolution for having developed miracle wheat in Mexico and then taking it to India and Pakistan and other countries in Asia and the Middle East as they faced imminent, massive food shortages; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 and subsequently received the US presidential medal of freedom and the Congressional Gold medal, America's highest civilian honor for his prodigious accomplishments in fighting hunger; and
- Whereas,** Dr. Borlaug was a distinguished graduate of a US land-grant University and served on the faculty of another one, and as such reflects the great achievements of that superb national educational system;
- Whereas,** March 25, 2014 is National Ag Day throughout the United States and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Borlaug's birth; now therefore be it
- Resolved,** State Agriculture and Rural Leaders honors his memory and as a tribute to him encourages everyone to join in the effort to eradicate hunger; and be it further
- Resolved,** SARL commends the State of Iowa for the installation of the statue of Dr Borlaug in the U.S. Capitol; and be it further
- Resolved,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state and federal officials.