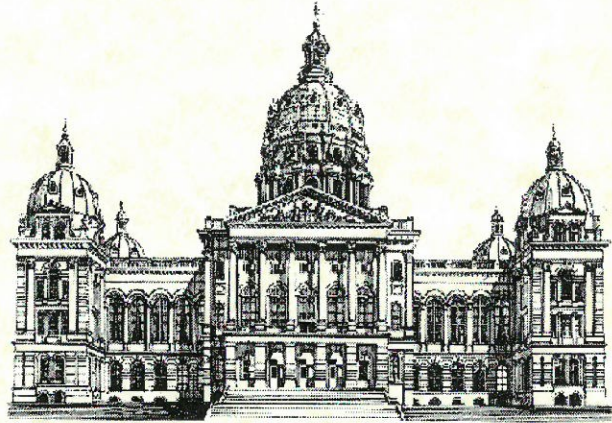


Certificate of Recognition

**State of Iowa
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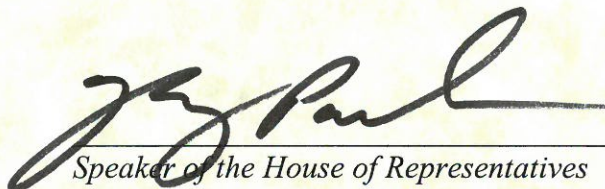
To : *Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn*
President of the World Food Prize Foundation

It having been made known to the House of Representatives by its Honorable Representative Kraig Paulsen, that Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn deserves recognition for receiving the Iowa Award, the state's highest citizen award, from the Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation for his humanitarian achievements in Iowa and the United States;

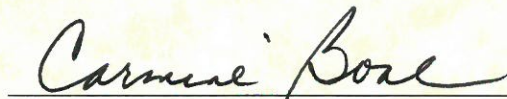
Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the House of Representatives does hereby extend its congratulations and thanks him for his lifetime of extraordinary accomplishments.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, *this 15th day of May, 2014.*





Speaker of the House of Representatives



Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

**MEMBER of the COUNCIL of the FEDERATION
FEDERAL ASSEMBLY of the RUSSIAN FEDERATION
103426 Moscow, B. Dmitrivka # 26**

*May 30, 2014
Moscow, Russia*

Dear Ambassador Quinn!

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on being awarded the highest recognition in the state of Iowa!

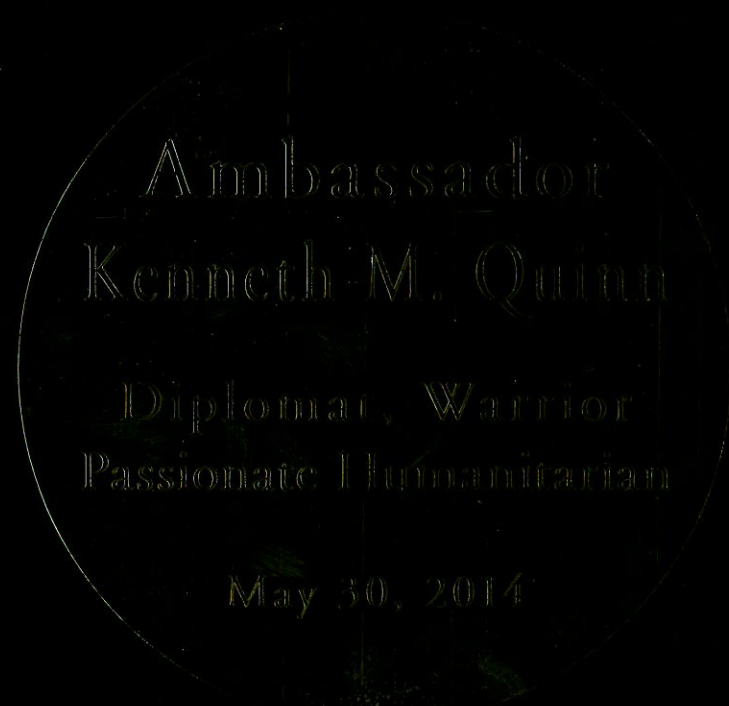
This award honors only the most outstanding citizens for their invaluable contribution to humanity by supporting and fostering humanitarian ideals, harmony and prosperity in the modern world.

Your selfless and very successful mission as the head of the World Food Prize is the best and unquestionable proof of the fact that you ARE that person. To feed the world is your sweet dream and the noble mission to which you devote your whole self. As a career diplomat, you incarnate noble principles of citizen diplomacy that make you a true Ambassador of Peace.

I am taking this opportunity to wish you continued success and bountiful energy! I wish you good health so that you could accomplish a lot more for the world and for humanity.

*Vladimir N. Plotnikov,
Member of the Council of the Federation
AKKOR President*

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Amb. Quinn with Gov. Robert D. Ray who nominated him for the Iowa Award Medal

THE IOWA AWARD MEDAL was presented to Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn by Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad in Des Moines on May 30, 2014 in a ceremony at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. Ambassador Quinn was nominated for the Iowa Award Medal by former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray.

Also presenting remarks in support of his nomination were (left to right) Ambassador Charles Larson, Attorney General Tom Miller, John Ruan III, Ambassador Quinn, Governor Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, State Senator Matt McCoy and International Opera Singer Simon Estes who performed the "Iowa Corn Song."

AMBASSADOR QUINN'S ACCEPTANCE REMARKS



Gov. Terry E. Branstad presents the Iowa Award Medal to Amb. Quinn

In 1964, I drove across the old north end bridge in Dubuque in my two-tone green 1955 Mercury headed towards Madison to take the Foreign Service exam and begin my diplomatic odyssey. I still wasn't quite sure where I was going but my visions were of chandeliered ballrooms in London, Paris or Vienna. But almost before I knew what would happen, I was studying Vietnamese and landing on a dirt road in a remote part of the Mekong Delta to take up the leadership of a 10-person combined military-civilian advisory team just as the Green Revolution was arriving.

If I were to ever write an autobiography, I think the title might be "From the Mississippi to the Mekong," or "From Iowa to Indochina," since I ended up living and working in both places on three separate occasions over the next four decades: In SaDec in the Mekong River Delta as we confronted the insurgency during the war; in Chau Doc in the mountains along the Cambodian-Vietnamese border where on a day in June, 1973, I discovered the Khmer Rouge; and then in the mid-90s in Phnom Penh as U.S. ambassador. Back in the U.S., my work focused on refugees at the National Security Council at the White House and again in Governor Robert D. Ray's office. Finally, fifteen years ago, once again back home in Iowa to head The World Food Prize, my work focused on combating hunger.

I learned the great lessons of my life while stationed in that remote part of the world. I learned many things about America and Americans and about Iowa that I had never understood while living here.

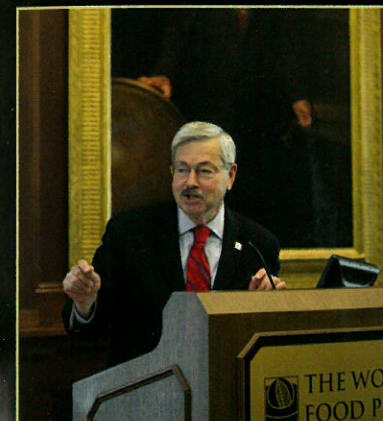
In the villages of Duc Thanh, as a foot soldier in the Green Revolution, I saw the incredible power that rural roads and new agricultural technology could bring about dramatic change, just as they had transformed Iowa in the days when John Ruan, Sr. was driving his first truck and Henry Wallace was taking his new hybrid corn to farmers. I saw how new roads and miracle rice could root out and defeat the insurgency that was difficult to overcome with air power and boots on the ground.

It was in that same part of Vietnam that, while involved in combat operations, I learned what it meant to be an American. Whether you were walking through the rice paddies or riding in a helicopter, whenever the radio would carry the message that "uniform sierras" (U.S. troops) were under fire or wounded, you immediately went to their assistance, even though you may never have met them, or might not know their names, the color of their skin or their ethnicity or religion. All you needed to know was that they were Americans. You went because you knew they would do the same for you. Such was the bond that united us in combat, far, far from home.

And I learned that a Foreign Service Officer could have a greater impact while working in remote villages along the Vietnamese-Cambodian border than in those chandeliered ballrooms of Europe. That came when I submitted the first-ever report about the worst genocidal mass-murdering organization of the second half of the 20th century – the Khmer Rouge – or in negotiating entry into North Vietnamese prisons to search for American POW/MIAs.

And back here at home, I learned that there are times when you could affect our country's foreign policy even though you were in Iowa rather than Washington, D.C. This was the case when with Governor Bob Ray, we urged the president of the United States to reopen America's doors to save the Boat People when no country in the world was accepting any more refugees from Indochina.

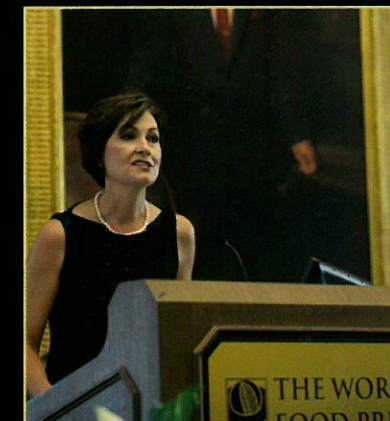
Wherever I went, whether in Iowa or Indochina, I saw the ability of small, dedicated teams to achieve much more than anyone might ever have expected, whether it was: in the Governor's office here in Des Moines, and I am so pleased that so many members of Governor Ray's staff could be here today; or at the office of the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia where Ambassador Bob Pearson and I served together under the late Ambassador Richard Holbrooke; or at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh where Ambassador Carol Rodley and I worked together without any marine security guards and still had our



Governor Terry E. Branstad



Ambassador Quinn delivers remarks



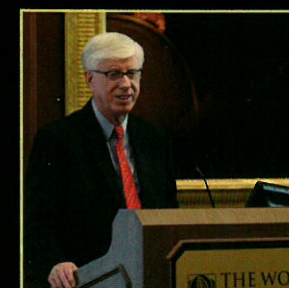
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds

post evaluated as the most well-prepared embassy in the Foreign Service; and my wonderful staff at The World Food Prize whose dedication and diligence has built our Foundation into such an incredible tribute to Norman Borlaug and John Ruan Sr. When I arrived in 1999, I had only one staff member and maybe 50 people came each year from outside Iowa. Last year, more than 1,500 from 65 countries came to The World Food Prize.

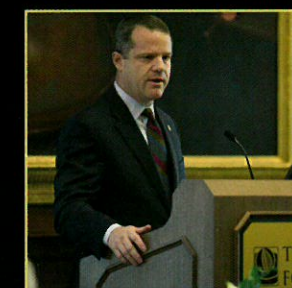
But the most important small team of all, through all of these adventures and trials and danger, was the Quinn family who provided the inspiration, steadfastness, motivation and love that sustained me in every assignment and every adventure we undertook. Le Son, Davin, Shandon, and Kelly were always there, sharing the danger, always willing to make the sacrifices and always providing the support so I could – so we could – represent our country.

There have been some truly memorable moments in my career:

- In June 1979, being in that UN hall in Geneva, as the delegates to the UN conference on the Boat People gave America a standing ovation for the announcement that the United States would now accept 168,000 refugees a year, thus saving the Boat People – an initiative that started in Governor Ray's office. Iowa provided global moral leadership to the world that day.
- I recall just a few months later being at a place called Sa Kaew on the Thai-Cambodian border with Governor and Mrs. Ray and seeing 30,000 starving Cambodians, dying at a rate of 50-100 a day. Then, two months later on Christmas Day, I picked up the Des Moines Register on my front porch to read the story that the gifts of food, medicine and live-sustaining support, provided through the Iowa SHARES campaign we had created, had been delivered to these same people. I am so pleased Nicky Schissel is here since she was part of that small team that did so much.
- Making the phone call from Cambodia to the State Department in Washington in March 1999 to report that the last Khmer Rouge had surrendered and that our strategy of using rural roads and new agricultural technology that I had put in place had destroyed this genocidal terrorist organization.
- The image of unveiling Dr. Borlaug's statue in Statuary Hall on March 25 is still fresh in my mind.



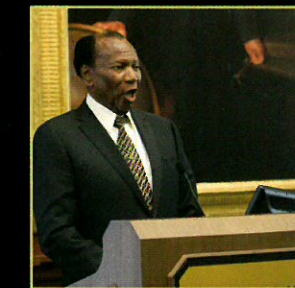
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Simon Estes

I remember the hugs. I was speaking to a group of very bright political science majors at Grinnell College when one of the students asked me what were the most significant moments in my diplomatic career, expecting me to mention a treaty I worked on with Henry Kissinger or a negotiation in Paris. But after thinking a few moments, I said "the hugs."

- The hug from the father of a ten year old Vietnamese boy after I drove his son, who had been shot in the stomach, through the city of Sa Dec to the hospital in time to save his life.
- The hug of the American Air Force sergeant whom I had pulled from a swollen canal in Vietnam as he was drowning.
- The hug of a Vietnamese refugee as he stood in the Governor's office in the Iowa State Capitol after I had arranged for him to leave the camp in Southeast Asia where he had been stranded and begin a new life here in Iowa.
- The hug from a Cambodian-American official in Phnom Penh after I had driven into the scene of ongoing fighting to rescue him. With tears running down his face, he told me that now he knew what it meant to be an American.
- Even though it was not quite a hug, I recall Dr. Borlaug squeezing my hand when I visited with him for the last time a few days before he passed away and telling me how grateful he was for all I had done at The World Food Prize.
- Most of all, I remember my wife and I hugging our children as they lay on the floor in our house in Phnom Penh after it had been hit by a rocket and was now ringed in automatic weapons fire. As we covered them with our bodies, we prayed more ardently than we had ever prayed for anything, that the bullets that came through the windows would kill us and not them. I learned how much I love my family in Indochina.

One final thing I learned on my diplomatic journey is that cultures and countries and people are often defined by the sense of obligation that its citizens feel towards each other and to others far beyond their borders. I am so proud to be from a state whose great heroes – their images and names all on display here in the Iowa Gallery of this building – are those who recognized their obligation to feed people all around the world – people who are hungry and in desperate need of food. Seven of the 22 persons who have previously received the Iowa Award Medal were individuals involved in alleviating human suffering, feeding the hungry and ensuring global food security. I am honored to now be part of that legacy and to have my name joined with that array of Iowans.

I am so proud to be a recipient of the Iowa Award Medal.

I am so proud to be an American.

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Kelly Quinn, Amb. Quinn, Le Son Quinn, Davin Quinn and Shandon Quinn



John Ruan III, Janis Ruan and Amb. Quinn



Amb. Robert Pearson, Amb. Quinn, Amb. Carol Rodley



Amb. Quinn with World Food Prize Foundation Staff

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The Iowa Award Medal Ceremony

in honor of

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn

*The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates
Des Moines, Iowa
Friday, May 30, 2014
4:00 p.m.*

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn

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CEREMONY

Prelude

Mary Foss and Kathy Slocum, Harp and Flute

Welcome to the Hall of Laureates

*John Ruan III
Chairman, World Food Prize Foundation*

The Iowa Award

*Honorable Kim Reynolds
Lieutenant Governor of Iowa*

Nomination

*Honorable Robert D. Ray
Former Governor of Iowa, Iowa Award Recipient*

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation

*Honorable Tom Miller
Attorney General of Iowa*

Remarks

*Honorable Charles Larson
Former U.S. Ambassador to Latvia*

*Honorable Matt McCoy
Iowa State Senator*

Presentation of The Iowa Award Medal

*Honorable Terry E. Branstad
Governor of Iowa*

Response

*Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
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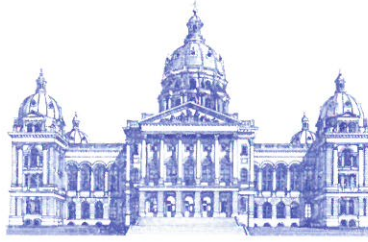
Musical Selection

*Simon Estes
International Opera Singer, Iowa Award Recipient*

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The Senate
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Des Moines, Iowa 50319

SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER

Rules and Administration,
Chair

Ambassador Kenneth Quinn
President
The World Food Prize Foundation
100 Locust Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Ambassador Quinn,

On behalf of the entire Senate Democratic Caucus, we extend a heartfelt congratulations to you as the recipient of the state's highest citizen award, the Iowa Award.

Your dedication to our country as a career diplomat has richly enhanced the lives of many, and your leadership and mission at The World Food Prize has had untold benefits to millions across the globe.

The World Food Prize has grown in size and international importance since you assumed the presidency of the Foundation. The legacy of your leadership will reap rewards for years to come, especially through The Global Youth Institute.

Like Dr. Norman Borlaug, your focus on educating the youth of the world on cutting-edge agricultural techniques and food security issues will make the world a far better place for generations.

Your humanitarian spirit is one all Iowans look up to and admire. We wish you, Le Son and your entire family all the best.

Sincerely,

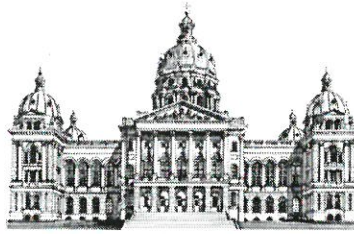
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Mike Gronstal
Iowa Senate Majority Leader

Kraig Paulsen
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

May 30, 2014

Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn
World Food Prize Hall of Laureates
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Dear Ambassador Quinn:

Congratulations on your recent recognition by Governor Terry Branstad with receiving the Iowa Award for your continued work to make Iowa, and the world a better place.

Your tireless work as a humanitarian, diplomat, and leader in this country is remarkable and truly something to be proud of. Your character and work shines as an example to America of what it means to be an Iowan. It's been an honor getting to know you through your work for the World Food Prize, an organization that has certainly benefited from your expertise.

Once again, congratulations on this distinguished honor, it is well-deserved.

Sincerely,

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Kraig Paulsen
Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives