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# New honors for Chrystal

## Late Iowan is lauded

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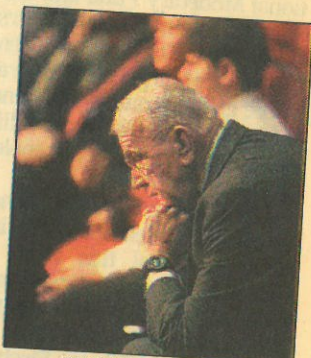
John Chrystal, the Coon Rapids banker who advised Soviet and Russian farm leaders, was posthumously given the Global Citizen Award on Thursday by Iowa Sister States for his accomplishments promoting international partnerships.

Gov. Tom Vilsack accepted the award for Chrystal, who died in January.

"John Chrystal was a citizen ambassador," said Vilsack, who nominated Chrystal for the award. "He understood the significance and importance of one-to-one personal relationships. He also understood the power of food in those relationships with Russia and all across the world."

It also was announced Thursday that John Ruan and the World Food Prize Foundation he heads is establishing the John Chrystal International Internship Award.

The award will be given to an Iowa high school student who participates in the World Food Prize Youth Institute, held in October in conjunction with World Food Prize



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**Citizen envoy:** John Chrystal, at a function before his death in January, has been honored.

ceremonies in Des Moines.

Chrystal interns will travel abroad for eight weeks in the summer to participate in scientific research studies.

Kenneth Quinn, executive director of the World Food Prize Foundation, said the internships will encourage Iowa youths to emulate Chrystal's work.

"He played an essential part in ending the Cold War and knocking down those walls," Quinn said.

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