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In 2004 the US Senate unanimously adopted a Resolution making October 16, World Food Prize Day throughout America in honor of Dr. Borlaug. Now it is time to take the next step and bring to Dr. Borlaug the one honor that ~~has~~ ^{has} not yet been bestowed upon him — The Congressional Gold Medal. ^{American}

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