Public Law 98-349
98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To proclaim July 10, 1984, as "Food for Peace Day".

July 9, 1984
[S.J. Res. 306]

7 USC 1691 note.

Whereas the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480) was signed into law by President Eisenhower on July 10, 1954;

Whereas the Public Law 480 program (also known as the food for peace program) has received strong and bipartisan support from every President and Congress during the past thirty years as a versatile tool to use the abundant agricultural productivity of the United States to combat hunger and malnutrition abroad, expand export markets for United States agricultural commodities, encourage economic development in developing countries, and promote in other ways the foreign policy of the United States;

Whereas over three hundred million tons of agricultural commodities and products thereof valued at about $34,000,000,000 have been distributed to more than one hundred and fifty countries under the Public Law 480 program since its inception, substantially reducing world hunger and improving nutritional standards;

Whereas the Public Law 480 program has served as an example to other nations and encouraged them also to help meet food needs abroad by making available agricultural surpluses or cash donations for such purposes; and

Whereas the people of the United States remain dedicated to the high goals and purposes of the Public Law 480 program and committed to continuation of its important work: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 10, 1984, the thirtieth anniversary of Public Law 480, is hereby proclaimed as "Food for Peace Day", and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and Federal and State governmental agencies to commemorate Food for Peace Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 9, 1984.

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