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Representatives Russo, Boggs

A RESOLUTION

Honoring Dr. Rattan Lal as a recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 1
133rd General Assembly of Ohio are honored to commend Dr. Rattan 2
Lal on receiving a 2019 Japan Prize from the Japan Prize 3
Foundation; and 4

WHEREAS, This prestigious distinction is, indeed, an honor 5
of which Rattan Lal can be justifiably proud, for he has been 6
recognized for his diligence in advancing the study of soil 7
science around the world, including on such continents as Africa, 8
Asia, and Australia. A 1968 graduate of the College of Food, 9
Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State 10
University, he returned to serve as a professor of soil science in 11
1987, and his work is a successful display of innovation, 12
foresight, and talent. We applaud him for his exemplary efforts; 13
and 14

WHEREAS, Rattan Lal has set himself apart as a pioneer in 15
the area of no-till farming and has helped countless communities 16
across the globe increase crop yields and reduce erosion, and he 17
has made it his life's work to improve the living conditions of 18
those who are poor, marginalized, and in need of help. The fact 19
that Dr. Lal was selected for the Japan Prize by more than 15,000 20
of his peers is ample evidence of the high regard in which he is 21
held, and we pay tribute to him as a man of astute judgment, 22
impeccable integrity, and tremendous skill; and 23

WHEREAS, A member of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate 24
Change team, which won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, Ratten Lal has 25
displayed unmatched professionalism and dedication in all of his 26

endeavors, and his work has become synonymous with excellence. His 27
many achievements and unwavering commitment to quality education 28
will leave a legacy for future generations, and his outstanding 29
body of work will stand as a hallmark for others to emulate; 30
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 33
this Resolution, applaud Dr. Rattan Lal on his 2019 Japan Prize 34
and count him among Ohio's finest ambassadors; and be it further 35

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 36
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Dr. 37
Rattan Lal. 38