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STATEMENT ON DAY OF BREAD

WASHINGTON, D.C. Oct. 28, 1969---Mr. President, in accordance with a resolution of Congress, today has been proclaimed the Day of Bread by President Nixon. This day has been reserved to pay special tribute to the great benefits our way of life receives from wheat and the products and industries associated with it.

We Americans are the best-nourished people in the world, and our high nutritional standards are in no small measure due to the great abundance and appeal of wheat-based foods.

From that day when man first discovered tiny heads of edible grain in wild grasses, to the day he learned to cultivate the grain and then develop a variety of strains for different food purposes, wheat has played an increasingly important role.

Fields of the ripe, golden grain represent a way of life for the almost one billion consumers as well as the growers.

The Day of Bread in the U.S. is part of an international Day of Bread and Harvest Festival Week in observance of the economic, cultural and nutritional importance of bread in the lives of people in every part of the world.

Wheat, the raw material of bread, provides more nourishment for more people than any other staple. Kansans are proud of their long-standing role as providers of wheat for the needs of America and the entire world.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in recognizing wheat and its importance to the peoples of the world.