

RESOLUTION No. 551

RECOGNITION OF LEADERS OF RURALITY OF THE AMERICAS

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That guaranteeing the food security of all people and fostering the sustainable development of agriculture can only be achieved with the involvement of all the countries of the Americas;

That the work of the women and men who produce food every day and make an immense contribution to rural retention and the well-being of their communities in rural areas will be instrumental in ensuring that these objectives are achieved; and

That, in 2021, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), on the initiative of its Director General, introduced the “Soul of Rurality” award to recognize those individuals who are leaving their mark and making a difference in the rural Americas – an award that to date has been conferred on 25 women and 13 men from 20 countries in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank IICA and its Director General for the initiative to recognize the contributions of these male and female leaders of rurality and to recommend that this initiative be continued and expanded.
2. To join the Institute in recognizing and thanking those who through their leadership are the guarantors of the food and nutrition security of our people and the custodians of the environmental sustainability and biodiversity of the planet.
3. To recommend that the Institute create and expand opportunities to meet and interact with leaders of rurality, to consider their proposals and suggestions for the development of public policies.
4. To urge the Member States of the Institute to identify and recommend to the General Directorate those individuals who are deserving of the “Soul of Rurality” award, especially women, youth and people with disabilities.