

A PROCLAMATION FOR "MERIT SCHOLAR DAY"

- WHEREAS, the Merit Program grew out of the recognition that talent loss between high school and college represents a threat to the Nation's welfare; and,
- WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of this program are simply to identify the highly able student, wherever he is located, and to offer him encouragement and support to continue his education; and,
- WHEREAS, the program does much more. In accomplishing its objective it calls attention to the good work our schools are doing to develop their most able students; and,
- WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an independent non-profit organization established in 1955, conducts the annual program and the Merit Scholarships are sponsored by over ninety business and industrial organizations, foundations, professional groups, and individuals and over \$15 million in scholarships has been awarded; and,
- WHEREAS, the aims of the Merit Program are positive, and it is important for our schools and business leaders to continue the search for ways to encourage every young person to develop his potential to the fullest,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the day of April 27th, 1960 as

"MERIT SCHOLAR DAY"

In observance and recognition of the day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty and of the state the one hundred second.

*Orville L. Freeman*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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