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## **'Cool Globes' will spin into Chicago - Mayor Daley using art to educate public about global warming**

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CHICAGO - First, there were cows. Now there will be globes.

City officials announced Tuesday that Chicago's lakefront this summer will showcase more than 80 replicas of planet Earth, each decorated by a different artist. The 5-foot-wide orbs are part of an effort to educate the public about global warming, which scientists believe is caused by man-made carbon-dioxide emissions.

"The object is to get average people not only to think about global warming, but also to do something about it," Mayor Richard Daley said in a news release. "Last summer was the hottest on record. Two years ago, we had some of the worst hurricanes in history. Entire lakes in Asia and Africa have practically disappeared, and so have entire glaciers."

From June to September, the "Cool Globes" exhibit will stretch from the Field Museum to Buckingham Fountain, with a few "teaser" components installed closer to downtown.

Some of the globes will include written messages from celebrities, such as former President Bill Clinton and actress Jodie Foster. The models eventually will be auctioned, with proceeds going to establish conservation clubs in the Chicago public school system.

The planned display evokes memories of "Cows on Parade," the popular 1999 public art display that featured colorful bovine statues across Chicago. The city's 2001 follow-up, "Suite Home Chicago," was a display of molded furniture that likewise had been customized by artists.

Daley has become known as an advocate for "green" initiatives that help the environment, such as the rooftop garden that insulates City Hall. His unveiling of "Cool Globes" with corporate sponsors follows a

highly publicized announcement from the United Nations last week that global warming is "very likely" caused by humans.

"After the weather we've been having for the last few days, some people might have trouble believing that global warming is a serious problem," the mayor said. "But let me assure you that it is."