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For ten years, she served as Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme. She was later UN Under Secretary General for Management. She was also Chair, UN System Standing Committee on Nutrition.

Bertini was nominated by President George H W Bush and confirmed by the US Senate as USDA Assistant Secretary, Food and Consumer Services. Previously, she was DHHS Acting Assistant Secretary, Family Support.

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The World Food Prize laureate in 2003, Bertini also was honored with: Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition; Excellence in Public Service Award, the American Academy of Pediatrics; Leadership Award, National Association of WIC Directors; Leadership in Public Service Award, American Public Welfare Association; recognition from the Republics of Italy and Ireland; and honorary degrees from 12 universities in four countries.

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