By: Brown of Brazos

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Hunger remains one of the most critical issues of 2 our time, and the members of the Texas Association of Second Harvest 3 Food Banks are striving to combat this persistent problem; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1986, this notable organization 4 is 5 composed of 18 food banks from throughout the Lone Star State; the 6 association's members provide sustenance to people in need in all 254 counties in Texas and, in 2004 alone, supplied more than one 7 million meals; member food banks are all affiliates of America's 8 Second Harvest, which distributes food and grocery products through 9 a nationwide network and works to increase public awareness of 10 11 domestic hunger; and

12 WHEREAS, A recipient of the Texas Surplus Agricultural 13 Product Grant, which enables Texas growers to donate excess food to 14 help feed the hungry, the association also draws on its close 15 relationship with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Second 16 Harvest works with that agency to distribute surplus fresh produce 17 grown on prison land while helping inmates gain valuable work 18 experience and certifications; and

WHEREAS, Working to alleviate hunger is truly an admirable endeavor, and the members of the Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks truly merit the appreciation of all Texans for the important work that they do; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2005, as Texas

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Association of Second Harvest Food Banks Day at the State Capitol and extend to the visiting members of this organization a warm welcome; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the
Texas House of Representatives.