

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 289

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Food Bank Network for its many contributions to the citizens of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Founded in 1986 as the Texas Association of Second Harvest Food Banks, the Texas Food Bank Network is composed of 19 food banks that serve all 254 Texas counties; the member food banks are all Nation's Food Bank Network affiliates and adhere to national standards for food distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2006 Hunger Study indicates that the Texas Food Bank Network provides emergency food assistance for more than two million people annually in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The network has formed two partnerships with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice--one is to distribute to the needy surplus fresh produce grown on prison land, and the other is to enable trustees to gain work experience and certifications while providing valuable help to food banks; and

**WHEREAS**, The network has been awarded a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture that enables Texas growers to donate surplus products to help feed the hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the Texas Food Bank Network are the sole contractors with the Health and Human Services Commission for distributing United States Department of Agriculture products throughout the state; representatives of the Texas Food Bank Network gathered this year to celebrate Food Banks of Texas Day at the Capitol on January 17; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Food Bank Network for its outstanding humanitarian work; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Texas Food Bank Network as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate