

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1168**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the West Texas Food Bank for its outstanding success in providing food assistance to needy citizens and to join El Pasoans in observing the month of June as El Paso's Hunger Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1985 by a small group of concerned citizens to address the critical issue of hunger in West Texas, the West Texas Food Bank annually distributes more than 5 million pounds of food to nonprofit partner food agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The West Texas Food Bank has many programs in place to achieve its objectives, including Kids Cafe, one of the nation's largest charitable meal service programs, BackPacks for Kids, and Hunters for the Hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, To help promote Hunger Awareness Month, the West Texas Food Bank has called upon all elected El Paso officials to join them in the "Food Stamp Challenge," which means living off the food that an average food stamp recipient is allocated from May 29 to June 5; the average El Paso County food stamp recipient receives \$22.45 per week, or \$1.06 per meal; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 20 years, the West Texas Food Bank has played a vital role in meeting the needs of the underprivileged by distributing food through a network of agencies and by heightening public awareness of the issues of hunger; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the West Texas Food Bank for

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its exceptional accomplishments in combating hunger and join citizens across the state in honoring June as El Paso Hunger Awareness Month; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the West Texas Food Bank 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 May 25, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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