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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2009, the Houston Food Bank is
2 celebrating the contributions of 21 graduates of its warehouse
3 certification On the Job Training program; and

4 WHEREAS, The Houston Food Bank is the largest food bank in
5 Texas and the fourth largest in the country; it distributes some 36
6 million pounds of food a year to nearly 500,000 people; the
7 warehouse certification program draws from a pool of workers from
8 the Texas Second Chance program who have demonstrated
9 self-discipline and initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, Developed with the assistance of the Windham School
11 District, the OJT warehouse certification course provides 40 hours
12 of classroom training as well as hands-on experience in the food
13 bank's 73,000 square foot warehouse; while facilitating the
14 operations of the food bank, OJT students hone their work habits,
15 enhance their professionalism, and acquire skills in all facets of
16 warehouse operation, including such positions as forklift
17 operator, inventory clerk, and dock coordinator; graduates are
18 eligible to participate in the Reaching Employment and Doing It
19 Yourself program, a six-month vocational training program focusing
20 on teamwork and taking on increasing responsibilities; and

21 WHEREAS, The newest OJT graduates are: Calvin Adkins, Richard
22 Bowker, Keith Bean, Calvin Carter, Brandon Clarke, Corey Conway,
23 Willie Davis, Abanga Etuk, Dabram Harrell, Cedric Johnson, Pablo
24 Martinez, Luis Monsivais, Jalal Nuriddin, John Powers, Reggy

1 Wright, Lawrence Cooper, William Henry, Reginald Jones, Vincent
2 Mitchell, Mark Rodriguez, and Mark Simpson; and

3 WHEREAS, While preparing for advancement in the workforce,
4 these men have provided exceptional service to the Houston Food
5 Bank, helping the organization ensure that some 80,000 people each
6 week receive vital nourishment; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the graduates of the Houston Food
9 Bank On the Job Training warehouse certification program and extend
10 to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
12 for the graduates as an expression of high regard by the Texas House
13 of Representatives.