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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The annual Dallas County free summer meals program
2 is being launched with a kickoff event on June 21, 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, More than one in four Texas children struggle with
4 hunger, including over 165,000 children in Dallas County alone; as
5 many families rely on school lunch and breakfast programs, the
6 summer months may be a time of anxiety and uncertainty because of
7 the strain they place on already tight food budgets; and

8 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the
9 Summer Food Service Program to ensure that low-income youth have
10 access to nutritious meals even while school is out of session; in
11 the summer of 2012, approximately 36,000 young people received a
12 meal each day from one of the nearly 1,700 designated sites across
13 Dallas County; many of these summer meal sites additionally provide
14 fun learning and recreational activities, allowing children and
15 teens to enjoy a free, healthy meal while staying active and
16 spending time with friends; and

17 WHEREAS, An adequate, balanced diet is crucial to a child's
18 physical and emotional development and can thus profoundly impact
19 his or her well-being in later life; by addressing a need of
20 critical importance, the summer meals initiative is providing an
21 essential service to many area Texans, and it is a privilege to join
22 in marking the commencement of the 2013 program; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

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1 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the Dallas
2 Summer Meals Kickoff Event and extend to all those involved in the
3 summer meals program sincere best wishes for continued success with
4 their important work.