

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Food Bank Network is making a positive
2 difference in the lives of countless state residents, and members
3 of this important group are gathering in Austin on February 12,
4 2013, to observe Texas Food Bank Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1986, TFBN consists of 21 food banks
6 that serve all 254 Texas counties through some 3,900 community
7 agencies; the network further utilizes public-private partnerships
8 to reach as many people in need as possible; and

9 WHEREAS, One such partnership is the Surplus Agricultural
10 Products Grant Program, which provides incentives to farmers to
11 donate fresh produce; this initiative has enabled more than 80
12 million pounds of surplus produce to be distributed throughout
13 Texas by offsetting the costs to producers of harvesting,
14 packaging, and shipping; and

15 WHEREAS, Another collaboration that has benefited hungry
16 Texans is the Second Chance Partnership, which allows inmates in
17 the state criminal justice system to gain work experience and
18 certifications through volunteer efforts at food banks and also
19 encourages the use of prison land to grow produce; in addition, TFBN
20 has partnered with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission
21 to increase the efficiency of the process that determines whether
22 Texans are eligible for food aid; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas Food Bank Network is helping to address
24 one of the most critical needs faced by area families, and its

1 outstanding efforts are greatly reducing hunger in the Lone Star
2 State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby recognize February 12, 2013, as Texas Food Bank
5 Day at the State Capitol and extend sincere best wishes to all those
6 involved with the network for continued success with their
7 important work; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Texas Food Bank Network as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 298

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 298 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House