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H.R. No. 245

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Terri Drefke is celebrating her 25th anniversary as
2 chief executive officer of the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley,
3 Inc., in 2014, and this occasion presents a fitting opportunity to
4 recognize her for her exemplary service; and

5 WHEREAS, Since assuming leadership of the Food Bank RGV in
6 1989, Ms. Drefke has helped implement a number of worthwhile
7 programs, and today the nonprofit is the state's fifth largest food
8 bank based on distribution; the organization partners with some 230
9 agencies and has distributed over 24 million pounds of food, worth
10 an estimated \$20 million, this year alone, and it helps to feed more
11 than 42,000 residents of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties
12 each week; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to her exceptional efforts in behalf of
14 the food bank, Ms. Drefke has given generously of her time and
15 talents to numerous civic organizations; she serves as chair of the
16 Pharr Cultural Arts Council and as a member of the boards of Faith
17 Communities for Disaster Recovery, Catholic Charities, and two
18 local emergency food and shelter programs; she is also a member of
19 the McAllen South Rotary Club, and she has served as president of
20 Feeding Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Drefke is blessed in all of her endeavors with
22 the love and support of her husband, Don Drefke, and their two
23 children, Heather and Karl; and

24 WHEREAS, For the past quarter-century, Terri Drefke has

1 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to bettering the lives of Rio
2 Grande Valley residents, and her many notable accomplishments have
3 made a positive and lasting impact in her community; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Terri Drefke for her 25 years of service
7 with the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc., and extend to her
8 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Drefke as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.