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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, the Hunters for the Hungry  
2 program has been working with hunger relief agencies to help feed  
3 Texans in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Protein constitutes a vital component of  
5 well-balanced, nutritious meals, and numerous food assistance  
6 providers have reported a need for more protein supplies to serve  
7 their clients; and

8 WHEREAS, Through the Hunters for the Hungry program, which is  
9 part of the nonprofit Feeding Texas network, Texans can donate  
10 legally tagged and field-dressed deer to participating processors;  
11 the venison is then prepared for distribution to local food banks  
12 and pantries, soup kitchens, and other groups; since the program's  
13 launch, hunters have provided over two million pounds of meat,  
14 creating an estimated 9.3 million servings of protein-rich food;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In 2015, the state legislature passed a bill  
17 allowing Texas hunters to make donations to Hunters for the Hungry  
18 when purchasing hunting licenses; more than \$88,000 was collected  
19 during this legislation's inaugural year, helping to offset the  
20 cost of processing more than 50,000 pounds of donated venison; and

21 WHEREAS, Hunters for the Hungry is helping to alleviate food  
22 insecurity for countless Texas children, seniors, and families, and  
23 the program and all those associated with it are indeed deserving of  
24 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2   Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Hunters for the  
3   Hungry and encourage Texans to support this worthwhile program.