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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Proud members of Feeding Texas are gathering in
- 2 Austin to celebrate Texas Food Bank Day at the State Capitol on
- 3 February 9, 2017; and
- WHEREAS, Established in 1986, the Feeding Texas network
- 5 consists of 21 food banks that work through more than 3,000
- 6 community agencies to reduce hunger and improve health in all 254
- 7 Texas counties; and
- 8 WHEREAS, To further these goals, the network has fostered
- 9 many public-private partnerships, including the Texans Feeding
- 10 Texans Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program, which helps
- 11 feed low-income families by offering incentives to growers to
- 12 donate fresh produce that would otherwise be left in the field; this
- 13 initiative offsets the costs of harvesting, packaging, and
- 14 transportation and has resulted in the distribution of over 150
- 15 million pounds of surplus produce across the state; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Members of Feeding Texas have also established the
- 17 "Feeding with Impact" partnership with the Texas Health and Human
- 18 Services Commission, which seeks to improve the diets of low-income
- 19 Texans by distributing fresh produce and offering nutrition
- 20 education and obesity prevention services; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Network members have partnered with the Texas Health
- 22 and Human Services Commission to provide client education and
- 23 application assistance for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance
- 24 Program, greatly increasing the efficiency of the

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- 1 eligibility-determination process; Feeding Texas has also created
- 2 the Second Chance program, which allows prison inmates to gain
- 3 valuable work experience and certifications through volunteering
- 4 at food banks; and
- 5 WHEREAS, By facilitating the distribution of surplus food,
- 6 raising awareness about good dietary practices, and helping to
- 7 prevent obesity, Feeding Texas is reducing hunger and contributing
- 8 greatly to the health and well-being of the people of Texas; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby recognize February 9, 2017, as Texas Food Bank
- 12 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the staff and volunteers of
- 13 Feeding Texas sincere best wishes for continued success in their
- 14 important work; and, be it further
- 15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 16 prepared for Feeding Texas as an expression of high regard by the
- 17 Texas House of Representatives.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 330 was	adopted by the House on February
9, 2017, by a non-record vote.	

Chief Clerk of the House