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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

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.