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H.R. No. 393

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 19, 2019; 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 200
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, By leveraging their expertise and experience,
22 members of Feeding Texas respond to families in crisis swiftly and
23 effectively when disaster strikes; Texas food banks delivered 61
24 million pounds of food to victims of Hurricane Harvey, served

1 73,000 meals, distributed 584,000 food boxes, and mobilized 26,000
2 volunteers for 1 million volunteer hours; and

3 WHEREAS, Network members have partnered with the Texas Health
4 and Human Services Commission to provide client education and
5 application assistance for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance
6 Program, greatly increasing the efficiency of the
7 eligibility-determination process; and

8 WHEREAS, By facilitating the distribution of surplus food,
9 responding to disaster, raising awareness about good dietary
10 practices, and helping to prevent obesity, Feeding Texas is
11 reducing hunger and contributing greatly to the health and
12 well-being of the people of Texas; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2019, as Texas Food Bank
15 Day at the State Capitol and extend to the staff and volunteers of
16 Feeding Texas sincere best wishes for continued success in their
17 important work; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Feeding Texas as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.