

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Food Bank is playing an increasingly
2 vital role during a time of unprecedented need; and

3 WHEREAS, Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, SAFB has
4 increased food distribution by 30 percent in order to help the
5 rising number of people in financial distress; although health
6 measures have closed many of the organization's traditional sources
7 of food donations, including convention center restaurants,
8 hotels, and caterers, it has built new partnerships and drawn
9 support from the community in order for its kitchens to double the
10 number of people they feed weekly, from 60,000 to 120,000; and

11 WHEREAS, Founded in 1980, SAFB has grown to serve people
12 across Southwest Texas, with client service agencies in 16 counties
13 that distribute both perishable and nonperishable food items; in
14 2017, it opened the New Braunfels Food Bank, which serves Comal and
15 Guadalupe Counties, and its Mobile Mercado brings locally grown
16 produce and other healthy foods to residents of food deserts; SAFB
17 cultivates 25 acres at its urban farm and an additional 50 acres at
18 the National Park Service's Mission San Juan Capistrano, a World
19 Heritage site, where it replicates traditional farming methods and
20 maintains a historic demonstration garden for visitors; and

21 WHEREAS, SAFB spends a mere two percent on overhead, allowing
22 it to devote 98 percent of its resources to its mission; while
23 addressing immediate needs, it also promotes long-term food
24 security and good nutrition through job placement and food and

1 wellness education; the organization's holistic approach to
2 nourishment encompasses programs for children and an initiative
3 that enables struggling families and individuals to continue caring
4 for their pets; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, the San Antonio Food
6 Bank has battled hunger in the area, and by redoubling its efforts
7 during the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it has made a
8 positive difference in the lives of thousands of Texans; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor the San Antonio Food Bank for its service
12 and extend to all those associated with the organization sincere
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.

Campos

H.R. No. 198

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 198 was adopted by the House on March 18, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House