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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, School meals contribute to the health and academic
2 success of students by providing essential nutrients, and during
3 the COVID-19 pandemic, school nutrition programs have played a
4 critical role in addressing food insecurity; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to the pandemic, millions of young Texans
6 qualified for free or reduced-price school meals, and the economic
7 hardship caused by the health crisis has increased the number of
8 families that lack access to food, especially within communities of
9 color; this year, as many as one in three children are at risk of
10 hunger; and

11 WHEREAS, Although the threat posed by the virus led to the
12 sudden closure of schools throughout Texas, nutrition staff have
13 ably responded to evolving safety recommendations and continued to
14 provide meals to students through innovative models, such as
15 drive-through operations and delivery services; and

16 WHEREAS, School nutrition programs have served as a critical
17 lifeline to countless children and families, and with food
18 insecurity rates on the rise, school meals are sure to remain a
19 vital resource for nourishment; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby recognize the importance of school nutrition
22 programs in providing food to children and families facing hunger,
23 especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and extend to all school
24 nutrition staff members sincere appreciation for their service to

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1 their communities.