

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the state's food banks for their critical assistance to Texans in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic turmoil; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas has 21 food banks serving all 254 counties in coordination with hundreds of charitable organizations and food pantries; and

WHEREAS, Food insecurity has nearly doubled during the pandemic, and approximately 1 in 4 Texans now lack reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, Food banks have been forced to reinvent their distribution models suddenly due to disruptions to volunteer bases and distribution partners; and

WHEREAS, Despite these challenges, Texas food banks have distributed approximately 75 million pounds of food per month to Texans in need; and

WHEREAS, Texas food banks have risen to the additional challenges posed by Hurricane Laura and Winter Storm Uri to pursue their collective mission of a hunger-free Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to Texas food banks and extend to them sincerest gratitude for their resiliency, innovation, and dedication to providing Texas communities with critical support during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of their outstanding service.

Zaffirini

Alvarado	Hancock	Nichols
Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Paxton
Birdwell	Huffman	Perry
Blanco	Hughes	Powell
Buckingham	Johnson	Schwertner
Campbell	Kolkhorst	Seliger
Creighton	Lucio	Springer
Eckhardt	Menéndez	Taylor
Gutierrez	Miles	West
Hall	Nelson	Whitmire

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate