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H.R. No. 520

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Food insecurity is a serious issue that impacts the
2 health and well-being of individuals across Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 1.4 million households in the state
4 and nearly 4 million Texans are facing hunger; according to the
5 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 58 counties in Texas
6 are considered food deserts, or areas where residents have limited
7 access to affordable, healthy, and quality food; and

8 WHEREAS, Studies show that food insecurity
9 disproportionately affects people of color; Feeding America
10 estimates that 21 percent of Black individuals, 23.5 percent of
11 Native American individuals, and 15.8 percent of Latino individuals
12 experienced food insecurity in 2021, compared to 11 percent of
13 White individuals; and

14 WHEREAS, More should be done to ensure that all Texans have
15 access to nutritious foods, and every means of combating hunger
16 should be explored; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby request the Speaker of the House to create an
19 interim committee to study issues relating to food insecurity in
20 Texas; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
22 its findings and recommendations, to the House of Representatives
23 of the 89th Texas Legislature before it convenes in January 2025.