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H.R. No. 893

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 April 13, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1986, the Feeding Texas network  
5 consists of 21 food banks that work through more than 4,000  
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 provide food to low-income families by offering incentives to  
12 growers to donate fresh produce that would otherwise be left in the  
13 field; this initiative offsets the costs of harvesting, packaging,  
14 and transportation and has resulted in the distribution of 350  
15 million pounds of surplus produce across the state; and

16 WHEREAS, Members of Feeding Texas have also established a  
17 partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to  
18 improve the diets of low-income Texans by offering nutrition  
19 education and disease prevention services; and

20 WHEREAS, By leveraging their expertise and experience,  
21 members of Feeding Texas respond to families in need swiftly and  
22 effectively when crisis strikes; Texas food banks delivered one  
23 billion pounds of food during the first year of the COVID-19  
24 pandemic; and

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

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

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize April 13, 2023, as Texas Food Bank Day  
13 at the State Capitol and extend to the staff and volunteers of  
14 Feeding Texas sincere best wishes for continued success in their  
15 important work; and, be it further

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