

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is with deep concern for the hundreds of
3 thousands of citizens nationwide who face increasing
4 difficulties feeding their families that we, the members of
5 the Illinois House of Representatives, join with the Illinois
6 Food Bank Association and its individual Food Bank members as
7 they support America's Second Harvest's National Hunger
8 Awareness campaign to provide food assistance to hungry
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Because of the sharp downturn in the economy,
11 numerous families on a daily basis are relying on food banks
12 to secure food for their families; and

13 WHEREAS, In Illinois, nine food banks provide food
14 assistance to the needy families and their children with a
15 variety of feeding programs, including Kid's Cafe, Summertime
16 Lunch Bag, and After School Snack Programs throughout the
17 year that are aimed at reducing hunger amongst the State's
18 children; and

19 WHEREAS, America's Second Harvest, the largest
20 hunger-relief organization in the United States, has seen an
21 increase in demand for food, particularly among families with
22 children; it has launched a national campaign to secure
23 additional resources to help ease child hunger; and

24 WHEREAS, June 5, 2003 has been designated "National
25 Hunger Awareness Day" and the Illinois Food Bank Association,
26 which includes the Central Illinois Food Bank-Springfield,
27 the Eastern Illinois Food Bank-Urbana, the Greater Chicago
28 Food Depository, the Hunger Connection Food Bank-Rockford,
29 the Northern Illinois Food Bank-St. Charles, the Peoria Area
30 Food Bank, the River Bend Food Bank-Moline, the St. Louis
31 Food Bank, and the Tri-State Food Bank-Evansville, Indiana,
32 in partnership with 1,850 emergency food providers, has

1 committed its support for America's Second Harvest's national
2 campaign to provide additional resources from our own
3 community to combat child hunger; and

4 WHEREAS, Whatever attention is generated by this National
5 Call to Action will benefit the more than 1,246,000 adults
6 and children in need of food assistance within Illinois;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we proclaim Thursday, June 5, 2003 to be "National Hunger
11 Awareness Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Illinois Food Bank Association and its
14 individual Food Bank members as an expression of our support
15 and esteem.