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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 this body joins with  
5 the Illinois Interagency Nutrition Council, the Illinois Food  
6 Bank Association, and its individual Food Bank members as they  
7 support America's Second Harvest's National Hunger Awareness  
8 campaign to provide food assistance to hungry children; and

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

12           WHEREAS, In Illinois, nine food banks provide food  
13 assistance to needy families and their children with a variety  
14 of feeding programs including Kid's Cafes, Summertime Lunch  
15 Bag, and After School Snack programs throughout the year that  
16 are all designed to reduce childhood hunger; and

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

22           WHEREAS, The date of June 3, 2004, has been designated  
23 "National Hunger Awareness Day" and the Illinois Food Bank  
24 Association members: the Central Illinois Food Bank in  
25 Springfield; the Eastern Illinois Food Bank in Urbana; the  
26 Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago; the Hunger  
27 Connection Food Bank in Rockford; the Northern Illinois Food  
28 Bank in St. Charles; the Peoria Area Food Bank in Peoria; the  
29 River Bend Food Bank in Moline; the St. Louis Food Bank in St.  
30 Louis, Missouri; and the Tri-State Food Bank in Evansville,  
31 Indiana in partnership with 1,925 emergency food provider, have

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

4 WHEREAS, The additional attention generated by this  
5 National Hunger Awareness Day will benefit the more than one  
6 million adults and children who are at or below the poverty  
7 level and likely in need of food assistance within Illinois;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 proclaim June 3, 2004, as "National Hunger Awareness Day" in  
12 Illinois to help secure additional resources to help end child  
13 hunger; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15 presented to the Illinois Food Bank Association members.