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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, More than 15% of Illinoisans struggle to provide  
3 enough food for their families and more than 22% of  
4 Illinoisans' children are food insecure, meaning they do not  
5 have consistent access to adequate food; and

6           WHEREAS, Illinois ranks 24th in the nation for childhood  
7 hunger and 21% of children live in poverty; and

8           WHEREAS, There are children in every county of the State of  
9 Illinois who experience food insecurity; and

10           WHEREAS, No child deserves to go without food, and children  
11 who are food insecure suffer from increased risk of chronic  
12 diseases, increased rates of behavioral problems, decreased  
13 academic achievement, and long-term social and economic  
14 impacts; and

15           WHEREAS, Federal nutrition programs play a pivotal role in  
16 helping low-income children access free, healthy meals,  
17 including the School Breakfast Program, the National School  
18 Lunch Program, Summer Meals Programs, Child and Adult Care Food  
19 Program Afterschool Meals Programs, and the Special  
20 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and  
21 Children; and

1           WHEREAS, More than 825,000 children participate in free and  
2 reduced price school lunch; 376,000 children participate in  
3 free and reduced price school breakfast; and 95,000 children  
4 participate in the summer meals program; and

5           WHEREAS, Students who eat school breakfast achieve 17.5%  
6 higher scores on standardized math tests and attend 1.5 more  
7 days of school each year than those who do not; and

8           WHEREAS, Thirty-two percent of low-income families find  
9 themselves without enough food in the summer months and 43% of  
10 low-income families find it harder to make ends meet in the  
11 summer months; low-income families spend an additional \$300 per  
12 month in the summer months to provide food for their families;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, 4,189,025 summer meals were provided through the  
15 Summer Food Service Program; these meals were distributed  
16 through 1,716 sites, of which only 882 were open to the  
17 community and did not require enrollment; and

18           WHEREAS, Summer Food Service Program sites are an ideal  
19 model for summer food delivery and provide on-site adult  
20 supervision and enrichment activities for children; however,  
21 more Summer Food Service Program sites are needed that are open

1 to the community; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage schools  
4 participating in the School Breakfast Program to utilize  
5 alternative delivery models, such as Breakfast in the  
6 Classroom, Grab n' Go, and Second Chance Breakfast, to provide  
7 breakfast after the bell to all students at no cost to  
8 students; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage Summer Food Service Program  
10 sites to operate as open sites to the community so that all  
11 children can access healthy, nutritious meals during the  
12 summer; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we encourage eligible providers to  
14 participate in Child and Adult Care Food Program Afterschool  
15 Meals Programs; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to develop a 2015 Child  
17 Nutrition Reauthorization that protects and strengthens the  
18 federal food and nutrition safety net for children; and be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That we are opposed to cuts in funding to federal  
21 food and nutrition programs for children and families through

1 the annual federal budget process or any other measures; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
4 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional  
5 delegation, the President of the United States, and the United  
6 States Secretary of Agriculture.