

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 78

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize April 25, 2013, as Louisiana Food Banks Day at the state capitol.

WHEREAS, food insecurity and hunger are facts of life for approximately twenty percent of the population of Louisiana, and affect persons who are elderly, homeless, working poor, and children; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's children are disproportionately impacted by hunger, as twenty-four percent of children in our state experience food insecurity, and of these children approximately one-third are ineligible for any federal food program; and

WHEREAS, there is growing awareness of important public and private partnership roles that community-based organizations, institutions of faith, and charities provide in assisting hungry and food-insecure individuals; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Louisiana can participate in hunger relief efforts in their communities by donating food, money, time, and a voice; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Food Bank Association consists of the Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana, the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank, the Food Bank of Central Louisiana, the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana; and

WHEREAS, these food banks distribute food to Louisiana citizens through over four hundred member agencies in Louisiana, including faith-based food pantries and soup kitchens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the members and partners of the Louisiana Food Bank Association for their steadfast efforts to improve the lives of those who go hungry in this state and does hereby recognize April 25, 2013, as Louisiana Food Banks Day at the state capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Food Bank Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE