

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 385

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jaynee K. Day and
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of this General Assembly to recognize those venerable leaders and organizations that improve the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such leader is Jaynee K. Day, who has served as president and chief executive officer of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for thirty-one years; she will take her much-deserved retirement in the summer of 2019; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee exists for one purpose: to feed hungry people in the community; more than one in eight Middle Tennesseans, including one in five children, experience hunger and food insecurity and do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, when Ms. Day began her tenure at Second Harvest, the nonprofit organization distributed three million pounds of food annually; last year, thirty-one million pounds of food were distributed, providing more than twenty-eight million meals across half the State; and

WHEREAS, today, Second Harvest serves forty-six counties in Middle and West Tennessee and works with nearly 500 partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, a committed nonprofit organization, Second Harvest consists of dedicated volunteers, corporate and private donors, and staff who want to make an impact in their communities by providing healthy meals, rescuing food that would otherwise be thrown away, and working with partner agencies to ensure anyone who is hungry has food to eat; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest has a robust volunteer organization, with nearly 36,000 volunteers donating 91,000 hours in 2018, sorting food and putting together kids' backpacks, senior citizens' boxes, and other meals; and

WHEREAS, under Jaynee Day's leadership, Second Harvest embarked on a capital campaign four years ago; as a result, two new distribution facilities were opened in Benton and Rutherford counties, and the main headquarters in Nashville was renovated and expanded; and

WHEREAS, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee has made and continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our State who face the daily issue of hunger, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Jaynee Day and Second Harvest Food Bank; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jaynee K. Day and the staff, donors, volunteers, and partner agencies of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for their contributions to end hunger in this State. We congratulate Ms. Day upon her retirement and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.