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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Harrisburg CUSD #3's
4 Summer Food Program and Food Service Coordinator Valarie Hodges
5 on receiving an honorable mention from the Governor's Hometown
6 Award Program for 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, The Summer Food Program was started by Valarie
8 Hodges, Food Service Coordinator for the School District, in
9 2012; the program allows for free meals to be given to any
10 child under the age of 18; the addition of adult meals for the
11 cost of \$3 was recently added to accommodate the adults who
12 bring the children; at the end of the 2017 school year, the
13 Harrisburg District entered into the fifth year of providing
14 balanced meals to the Harrisburg Community; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2017, over ten thousand meals were served in 44
16 days; since June of 2018, 5,735 meals have been served; and

17 WHEREAS, During the school year, the nutritional needs of
18 children are met; during summer break, those same children's
19 needs do not change; the program has an on-site facility and
20 also delivers meals to certain mobile sites each day, so that
21 every child has the opportunity to receive a healthy meal each
22 day of summer break; and

1 WHEREAS, Supported by donations, volunteers from the
2 community and school system, the City of Harrisburg, and
3 legislators, the program has grown to include giveaways,
4 tutoring and reading groups, and fun days; and

5 WHEREAS, The Governor's Hometown Awards program gives
6 formal recognition to those who contributed to projects that
7 improved their community's quality of life; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 congratulate Harrisburg CUSD #3's Summer Food Program and Food
11 Service Coordinator Valarie Hodges on receiving an honorable
12 mention from the Governor's Hometown Award Program for 2018 and
13 on meeting their goal of feeding the community; we wish them
14 many more successful years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Food Service Coordinator Valarie Hodges as an
17 expression of our esteem and respect.