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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize the Midwest Food Bank on 20 years of working to alleviate hunger; and

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WHEREAS, In 2003, ten Bloomington-Normal nonprofit agencies issued a request for donations from the community; with a deep commitment to their faith and a firm belief in helping if one has the resources to do so, Robert, David, and Paul Kieser decided to take action and turned a shed on their family farm into a distribution site for local food pantries, with the first donations involving cars and vans lining up for donations from the shed; and

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WHEREAS, The Kieser family realized the need was much bigger; they began researching ways to access larger loads of donated food and learning how to operate a food bank; and

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WHEREAS, Due to the generosity of donors and volunteers, the Midwest Food Bank now offers service worldwide and is positioned for growth, seeking new partnerships and expanding its programs in the continuing fight against food insecurity; and

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WHEREAS, The Midwest Food Bank currently distributes

1 nearly \$34 million worth of food to over 2,200 non-profit
2 organizations each month from 12 locations in Illinois,
3 Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, New
4 England, East Africa, and Haiti; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2022, more than 30,000 volunteers offered in
6 excess of 350,000 hours of service, the equivalent of over 175
7 full-time employees; the work of these dedicated volunteers
8 allows the Midwest Food Bank to operate efficiently while
9 keeping administrative costs low; volunteers are fundamental
10 to the organization's success and also gain the unique
11 perspective that worldwide hunger is prevalent and that their
12 efforts can make a difference; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the
15 Midwest Food Bank on 20 years of working to alleviate hunger
16 and malnutrition and providing disaster relief without
17 discrimination; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Midwest Food Bank as a symbol of our respect
20 and esteem.