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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the administration
4 and staff of the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) on the
5 occasion of being named the 2010 Member Food Bank of the Year
6 by Feeding America; and

7 WHEREAS, Feeding America is the nation's leading domestic
8 hunger-relief organization; the organization supplies food to
9 more than 37 million low-income people facing hunger in the
10 United States, including more than 14 million children and
11 nearly 3 million seniors; the organization has more than 200
12 member food banks that serve the entire United States and
13 Puerto Rico; and

14 WHEREAS, Every year, Feeding America recognizes a member
15 food bank for outstanding leadership in programs, advocacy, and
16 fundraising, with its Member Food Bank of the Year designation
17 as the top honor; and

18 WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois Food Bank is a recognized
19 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in 1983 that
20 provides food to all those in need through its 520 partner food
21 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and youth feeding sites in
22 13 counties; and

1 WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food for
2 an estimated 502,400 different people every year, a 168%
3 increase from 2006; more than 60,000 different people are fed
4 at NIFB every week, a 65% increase from 2006; NIFB distributed
5 over 27 million pounds of food in FY2009; and

6 WHEREAS, The Northern Illinois Food Bank has received a
7 Charity Navigator 4-Star Rating for 6 consecutive years, a feat
8 only accomplished by 2% of American charities; NIFB has also
9 piloted and led the way for many innovative programs now being
10 modeled throughout the nation, including Express Stamps, Food
11 Recovery, the Backpack Program, the Super Snack Program, and
12 Hunger Action Month outreach; and

13 WHEREAS, The administration and staff of the Northern
14 Illinois Food Bank serve as models of hard work, integrity, and
15 dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the administration and staff of the Northern
20 Illinois Food Bank on the occasion of being named the 2010
21 Member Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America and wish them
22 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Northern Illinois Food Bank as a symbol of our
4 esteem and respect.