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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, More than 15% of Illinoisans struggle to provide
3 enough food for their families and more than 22% of
4 Illinoisans' children are food insecure, meaning they do not
5 have consistent access to adequate food; and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois ranks 24th in the nation for childhood
7 hunger and 21% of children live in poverty; and

8 WHEREAS, There are children in every county of the State of
9 Illinois who experience food insecurity; and

10 WHEREAS, No child deserves to go without food, and children
11 who are food insecure suffer from increased risk of chronic
12 diseases, increased rates of behavioral problems, decreased
13 academic achievement, and long-term social and economic
14 impacts; and

15 WHEREAS, Federal nutrition programs play a pivotal role in
16 helping low-income children access free, healthy meals,
17 including the School Breakfast Program, the National School
18 Lunch Program, Summer Meals Programs, Child and Adult Care Food
19 Program Afterschool Meals Programs, and the Special
20 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and
21 Children; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 825,000 children participate in free and
2 reduced price school lunch; 376,000 children participate in
3 free and reduced price school breakfast; and 95,000 children
4 participate in the summer meals program; and

5 WHEREAS, Students who eat school breakfast achieve 17.5%
6 higher scores on standardized math tests and attend 1.5 more
7 days of school each year than those who do not; and

8 WHEREAS, Thirty-two percent of low-income families find
9 themselves without enough food in the summer months and 43% of
10 low-income families find it harder to make ends meet in the
11 summer months; low-income families spend an additional \$300 per
12 month in the summer months to provide food for their families;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, 4,189,025 summer meals were provided through the
15 Summer Food Service Program; these meals were distributed
16 through 1,716 sites, of which only 882 were open to the
17 community and did not require enrollment; and

18 WHEREAS, Summer Food Service Program sites are an ideal
19 model for summer food delivery and provide on-site adult
20 supervision and enrichment activities for children; however,
21 more Summer Food Service Program sites are needed that are open

1 to the community; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we encourage schools participating in the School Breakfast
5 Program to utilize alternative delivery models, such as
6 Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab n' Go, and Second Chance
7 Breakfast, to provide breakfast after the bell to all students
8 at no cost to students; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage Summer Food Service Program
10 sites to operate as open sites to the community so that all
11 children can access healthy, nutritious meals during the
12 summer; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we encourage eligible providers to
14 participate in Child and Adult Care Food Program Afterschool
15 Meals Programs; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to develop a 2015 Child
17 Nutrition Reauthorization that protects and strengthens the
18 federal food and nutrition safety net for children; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That we are opposed to cuts in funding to federal
21 food and nutrition programs for children and families through

1 the annual federal budget process or any other measures; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional
5 delegation, the President of the United States, and the United
6 States Secretary of Agriculture.