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Joint Resolution

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Designating the week of November 8 through November 14, 1987, as "National Food Bank Week".

Whereas although the United States is a nation of abundance, it has been reported that at least 20,000,000 Americans go hungry at some time during every month;

Whereas the assistance of the private sector is needed to meet the increasing demand for food from families, children, the elderly, unemployed workers, and the homeless;

Whereas an extraordinary yearlong effort to feed the hungry is being coordinated by Second Harvest, America's Food Bank Network;

Whereas the 200 local food banks of the non-profit Second Harvest network are committed to channeling the surplus products of food manufacturers and retailers to the needy;

Whereas Second Harvest food banks rely upon the generous donations of hundreds of national food corporations, thousands of local food companies, and millions of concerned individuals;

Whereas in 1986 Second Harvest was able to distribute 352,000,000 pounds of wholesome, nutritious food valued at \$500,000,000 to 38,000 charitable feeding programs nationwide; and

Whereas the upcoming Thanksgiving season is a time not only to count one's own blessings but to support those who are extending a helping hand to our fellow Americans in need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of November 8 through November 14, 1987, is designated as "National Food Bank Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 10, 1987.

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