

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
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Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on July 10, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, which created the Office of Food for Peace;

Whereas the purpose of the Office of Food for Peace is to promote democratic values abroad, advance freedom and peace, and help to alleviate humanitarian crises throughout the world;

Whereas the 2018 Global Nutrition Report reveals that 150,800,000 children under 5 years old worldwide are stunted as a result of malnutrition, 50,500,000 are severely malnourished, and 20,000,000 babies a year are born underweight;

Whereas 16,400,000 children under 5 years old suffer from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and require life-changing, ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTF), and Food for Peace is a major contributor to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the purchase of RUTF, helping UNICEF reach more than 4,100,000 children with treatment for SAM in 2018, and supporting RUTF needs in 19 countries around the world;

Whereas undernutrition contributes to approximately 45 percent of deaths of children under 5 years old worldwide;

Whereas large numbers of vulnerable and chronically food-insecure people reside in war-torn areas including Syria, South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, and Yemen;

Whereas the United Nations Refugee Agency estimates that more than 6,000,000 people have been internally displaced in Syria, including 2,500,000 children, and 11,700,000 people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance which includes 6,500,000 food-insecure people;

Whereas the United Nations Refugee Agency estimates that 4,800,000 people have been displaced by the ongoing conflict in Yemen, and more than 24,000,000 Yemenis are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, including over 20,000,000 in need of food;

Whereas the United Nations Refugee Agency estimates that 15,000,000 Yemenis are on the brink of starvation and 400,000 children are suffering from extreme malnutrition;

Whereas the United Nations estimates up to 7,500,000 people in South Sudan require humanitarian assistance, nearly all of whom are facing acute food insecurity and need lifesaving aid provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other international donors;

Whereas approximately 2,100,000 people in Somalia are in need of emergency food assistance due to high levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or higher) with the most affected areas including Awdal, Bari, Galgaduud, and Hiiraan;

Whereas in Nigeria almost half its population live in extreme poverty, and 3,000,000 people are acutely food-insecure;

Whereas nearly half of children under 5 years old in Guatemala are stunted due to malnutrition, and in some areas the percentage is much higher, making it the highest in the region;

Whereas Latin America and the Caribbean are vulnerable to a range of natural hazards including droughts, earthquakes, forest fires, floods, hurricanes, and volcanic eruptions which require robust humanitarian assistance, including food aid;

Whereas millions of people who have fled Venezuela are now facing serious food shortages and other hardships, which risk both lives and the stability of the region;

Whereas women and children are disproportionately affected by food shortages;

Whereas United States foreign assistance helps create markets for American products by reducing poverty, increasing production, and creating broadly shared wealth in developing countries;

Whereas humanitarian assistance helps countries and communities recover from serious disasters, crises, and emergencies, and puts them back on the road to prosperity;

Whereas the assistance provided by Food for Peace programs helps to address the root causes of mass migration of populations from poverty-stricken and food-insecure regions, reaching more than 4,000,000,000 people since its inception; and

Whereas long-standing cooperation between Food for Peace and the United Nations World Food Programme has led to millions of people receiving critical food aid around the world; Now, therefore, be it

Strike the resolved clause and insert the following:

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 representatives—

3 (1) that Food for Peace—

4 (A) is an essential component of global
5 food security efforts;

6 (B) is an expression of the generosity and
7 goodwill of the people of the United States to-
8 ward the world's most vulnerable populations;

9 (C) helps to alleviate humanitarian needs
10 stemming from conflict and natural disasters,
11 helps to prevent the spread of disease and mal-
12 nutrition among pregnant women and children
13 under 5 years old, and can help to address cy-
14 cles of violence;

15 (D) contributes to the spread and
16 strengthening of American leadership worldwide
17 through the investment of United States foreign
18 aid and humanitarian assistance and is there-
19 fore a key component of American foreign pol-
20 icy; and

21 (E) supports vulnerable communities
22 around the world in coping with crises as they
23 make their journeys to self-reliance; and

1 (2) that the United States should continue to
2 prioritize funding for Food for Peace programs—

3 (A) to continue the mission of fighting
4 global food insecurity;

5 (B) to help to reduce the number of moth-
6 ers who lack the adequate prenatal nutrition
7 and the healthy foods to care for their children
8 once they are born;

9 (C) to help to reduce the number of in-
10 fants and children dying from or experiencing
11 complications from the lifelong effects of mal-
12 nutrition;

13 (D) to continue to support nonemergency
14 resiliency-building efforts to address the root
15 causes of hunger and reduce the need for future
16 emergency assistance;

17 (E) to maximize the economic and intellec-
18 tual potential of local communities and global
19 markets;

20 (F) to support American values;

21 (G) to provide for the basic human needs
22 of food and nutrition and for critical develop-
23 ment activities;

24 (H) to affirm the continued commitment of
25 the American people and their Government to

1 helping some of the most vulnerable populations
2 in the world at their times of greatest need; and
3 (I) to continue to support these principles
4 as Food for Peace enters a new era as part of
5 the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, and
6 to encourage alignment of food assistance with
7 other forms of disaster relief and humanitarian
8 aid to best help those in need.

Amend the title so as to read: “Supporting the continued success of the Food for Peace programs.”.

