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# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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1        A HOUSE RESOLUTION honoring the Food Bank of  
2        Northwest Indiana for its service and dedication to the  
3        communities and families of Northwest Indiana.

4        *Whereas, Under the visionary leadership of Victor Garcia,  
5        President and Chief Executive Officer of the Food Bank of  
6        Northwest Indiana, the organization has expanded its capacity,  
7        strengthened community partnerships, and advanced innovative  
8        strategies to combat hunger while ensuring operational  
9        excellence, accountability, and compassionate service;*

10       *Whereas, The Food Bank operates a 72,000-square-foot  
11      facility in Merrillville, staffed by 34 dedicated employees, and  
12      is equipped with custom-built cold storage and a fleet of  
13      refrigerated trucks and vans that ensure the safe collection and  
14      distribution of donated food;*

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1        *Whereas, In 2025, the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana  
2 distributed more than 11 million pounds of food, serving an  
3 average of over 60,000 individuals each month through a  
4 strong network of over 150 partner non-profits, food pantries,  
5 congregate meal sites, and soup kitchens;*

6        *Whereas, The Food Bank delivers critical direct service  
7 programs, including Mobile Market, The Emergency Food  
8 Assistance Program (TEFAP), the Commodity Supplemental  
9 Food Program (CSFP) that provides home-delivered groceries  
10 to 1,700 seniors monthly, Food is Medicine initiatives in  
11 partnership with health care providers, Operation Full Pack to  
12 serve veterans, and Homeless Street Outreach in the city of  
13 Gary;*

14        *Whereas, The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is a  
15 recognized leader in innovation and access, and among the first  
16 organizations in the nation to successfully launch automated  
17 refrigerated smart lockers for charitable food distribution, and  
18 was inducted into the Purdue Northwest Society of Innovators  
19 in 2024; and*

20        *Whereas, Through SNAP Outreach services and workforce  
21 partnerships with WorkOne to provide job training and  
22 certifications in warehousing and logistics, the Food Bank  
23 addresses both immediate hunger and long term economic  
24 stability under the leadership of Tricia Sheaks, Vice President  
25 of Operations and Community Impact: Therefore,*

26        *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
27 General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

28        SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
29 honors the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana for its  
30 extraordinary service, innovation, and dedication to improving  
31 the health and well-being of the communities it serves and  
32 expresses deep gratitude for its lasting impact.

33        SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
34 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State  
35 Representative Mike Andrade for distribution.

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