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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.

