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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE EFFORTS OF LAURA RHEA
WITH ARKANSAS RICE DEPOT.

Subtitle

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WHEREAS, Laura Rhea of Mayflower, Arkansas, was the President and CEO of Arkansas Rice Depot of Little Rock, Arkansas, for almost 30 years until her recent medical retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea literally gave everything she had to help feed the hungry in our state, suffering a heat stroke in the depot warehouse in 2003 that left her permanently in a wheelchair and that contributed to her medical retirement; and

WHEREAS, the passion to help those who are hungry was not abstract for Ms. Rhea, as she struggled when her daughter Allison was small to provide enough food and watched as her daughter cried when Ms. Rhea went without food so that Allison could eat; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea is clear that she wouldn't change her experiences for anything, saying that the experiences "made me who I am", and is someone who knows that the choice to turn tragedy into good is what has made her life what it is today; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhea oversaw the growth of Arkansas Rice Depot into a



leading hunger-fighting nonprofit organization, the expansion of her Food for Kids Program throughout Arkansas and more than 40 other states, and the creation of a legacy of empowerment for the hungry in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, during her leadership, Arkansas Rice Depot was nominated and won Arkansas Business Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award in 2010,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Ms. Laura Rhea for her dedication, her courage, and her perseverance in her work with Arkansas Rice Depot to help the hungry in our state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Ms. Rhea by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.