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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Arkansas was ranked number one (1) in food insecurity in the United States based on 2023 survey responses in a report issued in 2024; and

WHEREAS, over nineteen percent (19%) of families report that they do not have access to enough food for active, healthy living, which contributes to diet-related health issues and other negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, nearly one (1) in four (4) children in Arkansas struggle with food insecurity, resulting in higher absences from school, lower test scores, and increased stress; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives is committed to improving the lives and health of Arkansans,

NOW THEREFORE,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives shall act to:

(1) Raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity and its causes by working with hunger relief organizations, healthcare groups, businesses, school nutrition directors, and others;

(2) Encourage members of the House of Representatives to visit:

(A) One (1) food pantry in their district; and

(B) One (1) school in their district during School Breakfast Month;

(3) Work to develop and enact policies to address the issue of food insecurity in addition to universal breakfast for public school children; and

(4) Monitor and evaluate data related to actions taken by the General Assembly in moving the needle on food insecurity in Arkansas.