

1 WHEREAS, a 2009 study conducted by leading anti-hunger organization Feeding
2 America concluded that Louisiana has the highest rate of child hunger in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, there exist numerous examples from other states and localities of
4 successful food donation programs involving donations from grocers and restaurants; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Restaurant Association has published "Food Donation: A
6 Restaurateur's Guide", which encourages restaurants to participate actively in food recovery
7 and donation programs and provides practical guidance for doing so; and

8 WHEREAS, grocers and restaurants have played a leading role in places where
9 successful food donation programs have been implemented; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Food Bank Association includes promotion
11 of communication and interaction among food banks, provision of education and training
12 programs on issues of hunger and food banking, coordination of statewide resources to
13 benefit food banks, and development of new resources for food and funds; and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Food Bank Association is uniquely qualified to inform
15 policymakers on strategies for reducing food insecurity in this state.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request that the Louisiana Food Bank Association study means by which to
18 encourage the donation of food by grocers and restaurants to food banks and other charitable
19 organizations which serve the needy.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the Louisiana Food
21 Bank Association shall engage the Louisiana Restaurant Association and the Louisiana Food
22 Industry Council of the Louisiana Retailers Association and shall incorporate analysis and
23 commentary from those groups in the study.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Food Bank Association shall
25 present findings from the study in the form of a report to the House Committee on Health
26 and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on or before March 1, 2013.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 executive director of the Louisiana Food Bank Association, the president of the Louisiana
29 Restaurant Association, and the president of the Louisiana Food Industry Council of the
30 Louisiana Retailers Association.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the La. Association of Food Banks conduct a study of means by which to facilitate and encourage the donation of food by grocers and restaurants to food banks.

Provides that such study shall incorporate analysis and commentary from the La. Restaurant Association and the La. Food Industry Council of the La. Retailers Association.

Requests that findings of the study be submitted to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on or before March 1, 2013.