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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HAWAII FOOD BANK, RICHARD GRIMM, PRESIDENT OF THE HAWAII FOOD BANK, FOODLAND, SAFEWAY, TIMES SUPERMARKET, AND CHAD BUCK FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the State of Hawaii are proud to  
2 recognize those people and organizations who strive to end  
3 hunger in Hawaii; and

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5           WHEREAS, founded by John White and continually operating  
6 for the past 25 years, the HAWAII FOOD BANK first opened its  
7 warehouse on Sand Island Access Road in 1983; and

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9           WHEREAS, in its first year, the HAWAII FOOD BANK managed to  
10 distribute 380,000 pounds of food to 75 member agencies and has  
11 grown so much that it now distributes over 8.2 million pounds of  
12 food to over 250 charitable agencies; and

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14           WHEREAS, today, the HAWAII FOOD BANK serves 131,862 people  
15 statewide, 32,965 of which are keikis, and 14,504 of which are  
16 kupunas; and

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18           WHEREAS, the HAWAII FOOD BANK serves low-income families  
19 and individuals, the homeless, disabled, temporarily unemployed,  
20 and those unfortunate individuals and families who experience  
21 sudden emergencies; and

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23           WHEREAS, opening its first store on May 6, 1948, and being  
24 a part of Hawaii's history for 61 years, FOODLAND is an integral  
25 member of the Hawaii Food Bank Food and Beverage Coalition to  
26 help fight hunger in Hawaii; and

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28           WHEREAS, in 1915 the first SAFEWAY store was opened in New  
29 York and the name "SAFEWAY" was registered in 1930 with the New  
30 York stock market by M.B. Skaggs, who had the drive and  
31 determination to pursue the American dream, a dream that has  
32 resulted in SAFEWAY having over 1,000 stores in numerous  
33 communities across North America; and



1 WHEREAS, in an effort to give back to the communities they  
2 served, SAFEWAY established the Safeway Foundation in 2001 and  
3 SAFEWAY'S Check-Out Hunger Program which raises money for the  
4 HAWAII FOOD BANK by making the donation process easier for  
5 consumers and encouraging consumers to contribute a small  
6 donation in addition to their purchase; and

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8 WHEREAS, established in 1949 by Albert and Wallace Teruya  
9 and holding the distinction of becoming the Food Bank's first  
10 partner in 1997, TIMES SUPERMARKET is one of the leading  
11 supermarket operations in Hawaii with 12 supermarket locations  
12 across the islands and is also known for its outstanding  
13 customer service and its generous donations to the HAWAII FOOD  
14 BANK; and

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16 WHEREAS, CHAD BUCK, owner of the Hawaii Food Alliance, an  
17 outstanding advocate for humanity, has been recognized as the  
18 largest individual donor to the Hawaii Food Bank by donating  
19 over 200,000 pounds of food for the needy in Hawaii since 2002;  
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22 WHEREAS, the HAWAII FOOD BANK is constantly looking for  
23 ways to attract new donors and new participants in the community  
24 to support their charitable mission; and

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26 WHEREAS, in these difficult economic times, the donations  
27 of individuals and corporations are needed the most; and

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29 WHEREAS, FOODLAND, SAFEWAY, TIMES SUPERMARKET, and CHAD  
30 BUCK are top donors to the HAWAII FOOD BANK and made significant  
31 contributions in addressing hunger in Hawaii; and

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33 WHEREAS, RICHARD GRIMM, the President of the HAWAII FOOD  
34 BANK, is striving to further expand the organization by  
35 increasing its goals to increase the desired amount of food  
36 collected to 10 million pounds for fiscal year 2009; and

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38 WHEREAS, through his sensible and extraordinary leadership  
39 and commitment to the HAWAII FOOD BANK, RICHARD GRIMM has  
40 managed to effectively address the hunger problem in Hawaii in  
41 these trying economic times by distributing food to large  
42 segments of Hawaii's population; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2009, that this body hereby recognizes and commends the hard  
4 work, dedication, and compassion of the HAWAII FOOD BANK, for  
5 its exceptional work and community service to the people of  
6 Hawaii, and commends its president, RICHARD GRIMM, and its major  
7 contributors, FOODLAND, SAFEWAY, TIMES SUPERMARKET, and CHAD  
8 BUCK and extends to them its warmest aloha and sincere best  
9 wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

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