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In the House of Representatives, September 20, 1982

1        WHEREAS, Hunger and chronic malnutrition remain daily facts  
2 of life for hundreds of millions of people throughout the world;  
3 and

4        WHEREAS, Children are the ones suffering the most serious  
5 effects of hunger and malnutrition, with millions of children  
6 dying each year from hunger-related illness and disease, and  
7 many others suffering permanent physical or mental impairment,  
8 including blindness, because of vitamin and protein  
9 deficiencies; and

10       WHEREAS, Although progress has been made in reducing the  
11 incidence of hunger and malnutrition in the United States,  
12 certain groups, notably among migrant workers, the elderly, and  
13 children remain vulnerable to malnutrition and related diseases;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has created  
16 substantial and effective food assistance programs, such as the  
17 School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, the Special Supplemental

1 Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Food  
2 Stamp Program, the Elderly Nutrition Program, the Child Care  
3 Food Program, the Summer Food Program for Children, and other  
4 programs designed as part of a national effort to address the  
5 problems of hunger, undernutrition and malnutrition; and

6 WHEREAS, Charitable organizations within the Commonwealth of  
7 Pennsylvania, such as the Pennsylvania Coalition on Food and  
8 Nutrition, have worked aggressively in an effort to organize  
9 both governmental and private food resources in the development  
10 of food banks, emergency food centers, community gardens, and  
11 improved operations of Federal food and nutrition programs for  
12 the poor; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Education, the  
14 Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, the Pennsylvania Department  
15 of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the  
16 Pennsylvania Department of Aging have made substantial  
17 commitments to the improved nutritional status of needy families  
18 through their operation of Federal food and nutrition programs  
19 for the poor; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States, as the world's largest producer  
21 and trader of food, has a key role to play in efforts to assist  
22 nations and peoples to improve their ability to feed themselves;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, The Presidential Commission on World Hunger's key  
25 recommendation was that efforts be undertaken to increase public  
26 awareness of the world hunger problem; and

27 WHEREAS, The 147 member nations of the Food and Agriculture  
28 Organization of the United Nations designated October 16, the  
29 anniversary of its founding, as World Food Day because of the  
30 need to alert the public to the increasingly dangerous world

1 food situation; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That we, the Members of the House of  
3 Representatives, do hereby designate and proclaim Saturday,  
4 October 16, 1982, as World Food Day in the Commonwealth of  
5 Pennsylvania and urge the people of the Commonwealth to observe  
6 this day with appropriate activities.