

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, JANUARY  
25, 2010

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Chester County Food Bank for its ongoing effort  
2 to feed the hungry of Chester County.

3 WHEREAS, The month of January is a month when food sources  
4 are very depleted as a result of the magnitude of goodwill  
5 donations and distributions that occur during the Thanksgiving  
6 through Christmas holidays; and

7 WHEREAS, Food banks across this Commonwealth are,  
8 nonetheless, continuing their vital work to keep food available  
9 to Pennsylvanians who need it; and

10 WHEREAS, Lack of food contributes to slow learning in school,  
11 worsens poor health issues in senior citizens, saps the  
12 productivity of the working poor and costs Pennsylvania nearly  
13 \$3.25 billion a year; and

14 WHEREAS, The Chester County Food Bank provides food  
15 distributions to 39,825 households daily, including 33,456  
16 children and 70,369 adults, an increase of 30% over last year's  
17 numbers; and

1       WHEREAS, The Chester County Food Bank distributes over one  
2 million pounds of food each year to more than 65 sites,  
3 including 33 food cupboards, feeding sites and shelters; and

4       WHEREAS, The Chester County Food Bank, like food banks across  
5 this Commonwealth, depends on donations of nonperishable food  
6 from corporate donors, community groups, churches, individuals  
7 and partnership farms, as well as federally and State-purchased  
8 food and seeks donations at Chester County Food Bank, 28 West  
9 Market Street, West Chester PA 19382; and

10       WHEREAS, During the past six months, the Chester County Food  
11 Bank has reported an increase of almost 40% in the demand for  
12 food, and in some areas of the county the demand is now at 54%;  
13 therefore be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend the  
15 Chester County Food Bank for its ongoing effort to feed the  
16 hungry of Chester County.