

House Resolution

No. 61

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey

August 2, 2016

House Resolution No. 61—Relative to America Break Bread Day.

1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
2 Agriculture (USDA), food insecurity is a condition in which access
3 to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources
4 at times during the year; and

5 WHEREAS, According to recent reports, one in every six people
6 in America, or over 48 million people, are hungry or experience
7 food insecurity; and

8 WHEREAS, Nineteen percent of American households with
9 children under 18 years of age were food insecure in 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, For households with incomes near or below the
11 federal poverty level, households with children headed by single
12 women or single men, or women living alone, the rates of food
13 insecurity were substantially higher than the national average; and

14 WHEREAS, The food insecurity rate was highest in rural areas,
15 moderate in large cities, and lowest in suburban and exurban areas
16 around large cities; and

17 WHEREAS, In a 2014 USDA survey, 61 percent of
18 food-insecure households reported that in the previous month they
19 had participated in one or more of the three largest federal food
20 and nutrition assistance programs: the Supplemental Nutrition
21 Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition
22 Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the National
23 School Lunch Program (NSLP); and

1 WHEREAS, Forty percent of food, or about \$165 billion worth,
2 is thrown out in the United States every year, which could feed 25
3 million Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, In California, the food insecurity rate is at 16.7
5 percent, with the number of food-insecure individuals exceeding
6 six million; and

7 WHEREAS, 1Family 1Restaurant is a local program in the
8 Antelope Valley in cooperation with Grace Resources, the Boys
9 and Girls Club of Antelope Valley, South Antelope Valley
10 Emergency Services (SAVES), also known as Palmdale SAVES,
11 and the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale; and

12 WHEREAS, 1Family 1Restaurant connects 74,000 hungry
13 people in the Antelope Valley to meals from local restaurants
14 sponsored by residents from the community; and

15 WHEREAS, By breaking bread together through shared
16 restaurant meals, we open our hearts and restore dignity and hope
17 to families in need; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
19 Assembly intends for this resolution to establish an annual event
20 and to encourage communities and businesses to sponsor hungry
21 families throughout the year by emulating the best practices of
22 1Family 1Restaurant; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Assembly hereby proclaims August 28, 2016,
24 as America Break Bread Day in the State of California; and be it
25 further

26 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
27 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.