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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Food Bank of the Southern Tier upon the occasion of the unveiling of its new facility in Elmira Heights, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those organizations and individuals who devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Food Bank of the Southern Tier upon the occasion of the unveiling of its new facility in Elmira Heights, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon reaching the limits of their facility, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier moved to a larger 65,000 square foot facility in nearby Elmira Heights, New York, on Thursday, March 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 years, this vital Food Bank has been the leading hunger-relief organization in the Southern Tier region; and

WHEREAS, The Food Bank's network of over 185 hunger-relief agencies includes food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, residential programs, day care programs, senior feeding programs and other not-for-profit organizations located throughout the six county service area of Broome, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins; and

WHEREAS, The new facility includes a drive-in commercial freezer and refrigerator; through this facility, food distribution has grown from 1.5 million pounds in 1997 to nearly 7 million pounds today; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier is in direct correlation to the efforts of its volunteers and staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of

excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the Food Bank and the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, Organizations of such singular distinction as the Food Bank of the Southern Tier provide a model for enhancing the quality of life in the community and, as such, merit the grateful praise of the citizens of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Food Bank of the Southern Tier upon the occasion of the unveiling of its new facility in Elmira Heights, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, 388 Upper Oakwood Avenue, Elmira, New York.