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**Expanding programs to assess and address malnutrition across generations**

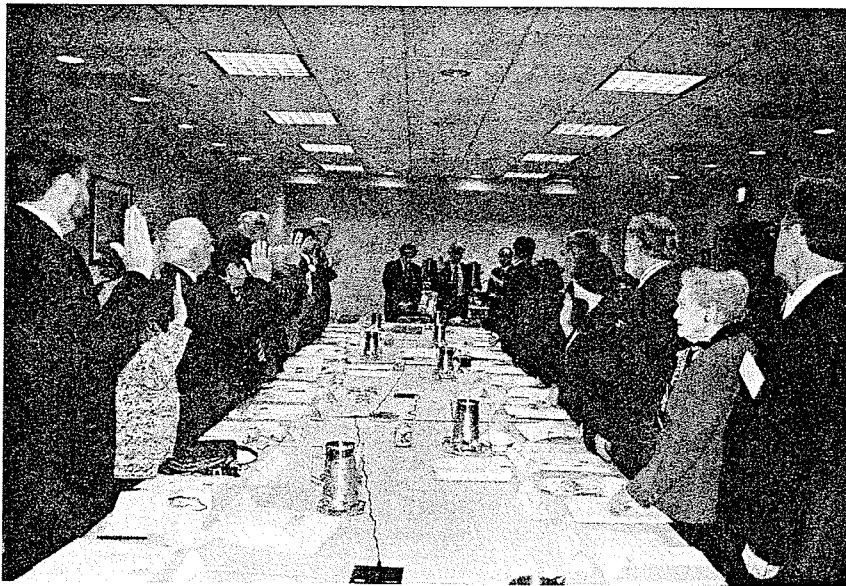
- 1 WHEREAS malnutrition and hunger are two distinct problems;
- 2 WHEREAS malnutrition among both younger and older persons, our most vulnerable populations, is a problem of increasing national concern;
- 3 WHEREAS children living in or near poverty and older Americans are at risk for malnutrition and its corresponding effects on health, vitality, learning, and quality of life;
- 4 WHEREAS an estimated one million homebound older persons are malnourished and 85 percent of all older persons have nutrition-related conditions;
- 5 WHEREAS malnourished older persons are at greater risk for illness, take longer to recover, have 90 percent longer hospital stays, and increase hospital costs by \$5,000 per medical patient and \$10,000 per surgical patient than other adults; and
- 6 WHEREAS a saving of \$3.25 is gained for every dollar spent on nutrition screening and intervention;

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 1995 White House Conference on Aging to support policies that:***

- 7 Maintain nutrition programs for all children, preschool - grade 12;
- 8 Encourage local communities to expand nutrition programs to all age groups through cooperatives composed of public and private agencies, enabling bulk purchases and economies of scale;
- 9 Facilitate public and private partnerships at the community level to develop nutrition screening and intervention programs;
- 10 Strengthen linkages between community nutrition programs and health care providers;
- 11 Encourage nutrition programs to recognize the special dietary foods of various ethnic groups;
- 12 Increase funds on the State and Federal levels to support research and development projects that address malnutrition at all ages;
- 13 Include nutrition assessment as a standard component of geriatric assessments in health and aging services settings;

14 Require medical schools to include nutrition training.

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