

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 381

WHEREAS, improving child nutrition is the focal point of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act authorizes funding and sets policy for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's core child nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, the nutrition programs authorized for funding are the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act allows the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the first time in over thirty years, the opportunity to make real reforms to school lunch and breakfast programs by improving the critical nutrition and hunger safety net for millions of children; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of the current changes to caloric guidelines and portion sizes is that more students are going hungry, the program cost has risen for both school districts and parents, and menu choice has been taken away at the local level. If high sugar content juices and soft drinks are not appropriate for purchase at schools, then neither should they be appropriate for purchase on the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby urge the United States Congress to: reconsider the caloric guidelines and portion sizes that have been written into the rules; and urge the Congress to apply new nutritional purchasing guidelines to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.