

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

Whereas, nearly fifteen million Americans, including nearly six million children, suffer from food allergies, many of which are life-threatening; and

Whereas, eight foods, including shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat cause ninety percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States; and

Whereas, symptoms of a food allergy reaction can include hives, vomiting, respiratory distress, swelling of the throat, anaphylaxis, and death; and

Whereas, outreach and education have been shown to improve responses to allergic reactions; and

Whereas, public awareness of food allergies can enhance commitment to research the causes of food allergies and interventions for allergic reactions; and

Whereas, voluntary food allergy training and awareness in restaurants and food service industries is vital to spreading public awareness about food allergies and interventions:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to encourage Missouri restaurants and food service industries to participate in food allergy training programs to increase public awareness about food allergies and available interventions; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.