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2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

June 12, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives KURTZ, VRUWINK, TRANEL, KOLSTE, TAUCHEN and CONSIDINE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** a statement in support of 2019 H.R. 832.

2 Whereas, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 limited USDA flexibility
3 to offer children more milk options within the National School Lunch Program; and

4 Whereas, since passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which
5 limited USDA flexibility within the National School Lunch Program regarding
6 allowable milk offerings, consumption of milk has rapidly declined in public schools,
7 in part, due to a lack of variety of product offerings; and

8 Whereas, in 2017, the USDA enacted a rule allowing schools to receive a waiver
9 allowing low-fat (1 percent) flavored milk as an option within the National School
10 Lunch Program; and

11 Whereas, milk, flavored or unflavored, is the number one source of nine
12 essential nutrients to young people, including calcium, vitamin D, and potassium;
13 and

1 Whereas, according to *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, meeting dairy
2 recommendations can have lifelong health benefits, such as improved bone health,
3 especially in children and adolescents; and

4 Whereas, current evidence shows that the intake of dairy products, like milk,
5 cheese, and yogurt, is associated with a reduced risk of both cardiovascular disease
6 and type 2 diabetes and with lower blood pressure in adults; and

7 Whereas, according to a study published in *Lancet* in 2018, a total intake of two
8 or more servings of full-fat dairy food was associated with a 22 percent lower risk
9 of heart disease, a 34 percent lower risk of stroke, and a 23 percent lower risk of death
10 from cardiovascular disease; and

11 Whereas, H.R. 832, known as the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2019, was
12 introduced on January 29, 2019, by U.S. Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson
13 (R-PA) and Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Collin Peterson
14 (D-MN), to expand on the USDA rule by allowing whole milk (both flavored and
15 unflavored) to be offered within the National School Lunch Program; and

16 Whereas, Wisconsin is “America’s Dairyland” but has experienced a five-year
17 downturn in both milk prices and the number of dairy farms operating in the state;
18 and

19 Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature should do everything in its power to
20 support this industry that is so vital to the economy and culture of our beloved state;
21 and

22 Whereas, on March 1, 2019, a letter authored by Wisconsin State
23 Representative Travis Tranel and a bipartisan mix of the Assembly Committee on
24 Agriculture members was sent to Wisconsin’s congressional delegation urging
25 members to support H.R. 832; now, therefore, be it

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
2 Legislature strongly encourages all efforts to increase consumption of milk, up to and
3 including whole flavored milk, among America's youth — including provisions found
4 in 2019 H.R. 832.

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