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2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 63

June 20, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Kurtz, Vruwink, Tranel, Kolste, Tauchen, Considine, Pronschinske and Spreitzer. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: a statement in support of increased milk consumption among 1 2 America's youth. 3 Whereas, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 limited USDA flexibility to offer children more milk options within the National School Lunch Program; and 4 5 Whereas, since passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which 6 limited USDA flexibility within the National School Lunch Program regarding 7 allowable milk offerings, consumption of milk has rapidly declined in public schools, 8 in part, due to a lack of variety of product offerings; and 9 Whereas, in 2017, the USDA enacted a rule allowing schools to receive a waiver 10 allowing low-fat (1 percent) flavored milk as an option within the National School Lunch Program; and 11 12 Whereas, milk, flavored or unflavored, is the number one source of nine 13 essential nutrients to young people, including calcium, vitamin D, and potassium; 14 and

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Wisconsin is "America's Dairyland" but has experienced a five-year downturn in both milk prices and the number of dairy farms operating in the state; and

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature strongly encourages all efforts to increase consumption of milk, up to and including whole flavored milk, among America's youth.