

House Concurrent Resolution No. 34

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOUGHTON (Sponsor), SPENCER,
WOOD AND SCHIEFFER (Co-sponsors).

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1 **WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program was reauthorized in 2010 by the
2 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, since the policies of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act have gone into
5 effect, children across the state are suffering from extreme hunger, headaches from lack of
6 nutrition and food, and inadequate energy to participate in after-school athletic activities; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the extreme caloric and protein limits cannot be altered for any student,
9 regardless of weight, nutritional needs, or participation in after-school athletic activities; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, children in Kindergarten and children in the fifth grade receive the same
12 amount of food and are restricted to the same number of calories under the new policies; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, children in the sixth grade and children in the twelfth grade receive the
15 same amount of food and are restricted to the same number of calories under the new policies;
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18 **WHEREAS**, students need nutritious, filling, and balanced meals in order to learn
19 effectively; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, students that are hungry from lack of adequate nutrition are more likely to
22 make unhealthy snack choices; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, children should be taught how to make positive nutritional choices and
25 encouraged to exercise; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, any program that purports to address the health needs of our children, but
28 neglects to include any provisions regarding exercise and physical activity is inadequate; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, while changes in the school lunch program are needed, the Healthy,
31 Hunger-Free Kids Act is not an adequate solution:

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
34 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate

35 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Congress and the United States Department
36 of Agriculture to reevaluate the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
39 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
40 Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture; the Majority and Minority Leaders of
41 the United States Congress; and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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