

RESOLUTION 40 - 05A

Title: Resolution to Help Fight Childhood Obesity

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House Action:

Whereas, overweight is the most common medical condition of childhood, having doubled over the past 20 years, and

Whereas, one in every six children is overweight, and

Whereas, one of the 21 Critical Health Objectives for Adolescents and Young Adults in the Centers for Disease Control's Healthy People 2010 initiative is to "reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who are overweight or obese" from 11 percent to 5 percent, nationally, and

Whereas, obesity-related diseases in adults and children, especially high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, type II diabetes mellitus, and coronary artery disease, account for more than \$117 billion annually in treatment costs, and

Whereas, the American Medical Association has recommended to the National School Lunch Program that school meals be congruent with current U.S. Department of Agriculture/Department of HHS Dietary Guidelines, and

Whereas, the National School Lunch Act mandates that school meals "safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children" and provides guidelines for total calories and percent fat consumed weekly, in keeping with the Recommended Dietary Allowances, and

Whereas, the majority of food products sold in school self-serve vending machines and secondary food vendors in schools are not in accordance with the preceding guidelines thereby contributing to widespread obesity noted above, and

Whereas, Michigan Senate Bill 91 of 2005 seeks to begin alleviating this problem by minimizing foods of minimal nutritional value from public schools; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS actively lobby the Michigan legislature to immediately support the passage of Senate Bill 91 to help alleviate the childhood obesity epidemic in our state.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE