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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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A RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to support funding for the ability to focus on purchasing American agricultural products and the removal of ultra-processed food and beverages from K-12 public schools.

WHEREAS, the foods and beverages that are available for meals and snacks in K-12 public schools can contribute to the overall health and well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, access to the best, most wholesome and nutrient-dense offerings can be limited for any given school or district depending on several factors; and

WHEREAS, food and food supplies, labor, and equipment and overhead are all costs to schools and districts relative to serving food to their students; Congress supporting reliable and robust funding for these efforts would add security to these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the ability to focus on purchasing American agricultural products and foods and beverages produced in the United States can help bolster the economy at home and solidify our economic priorities; consuming foods and beverages made with products grown closer to home is also a factor in health, as a shorter food supply chain can mean less handling and therefore less potential for contamination and, with less distance for food to travel, produce, specifically, is able to ripen naturally, resulting in higher nutrient content.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to support funding for the ability to focus on purchasing American agricultural products and the removal of ultra-processed food and beverages from K-12 public schools.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES