

1 WHEREAS, the discontinuation of the Local Food for Schools Program has
2 disrupted local supply chains, reduced school districts' purchasing power, and limited access
3 to healthy, locally sourced meals for Louisiana's children; and

4 WHEREAS, restoring this program aligns with broader national goals, including
5 efforts to "Make America Healthy Again" by improving access to unprocessed,
6 nutrient-dense, and locally produced food, particularly in school settings, and reducing
7 diet-related chronic disease in children and families; and

8 WHEREAS, investment in local food systems strengthens food security, promotes
9 preventive health, and supports economic development across Louisiana and the United
10 States.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 memorialize the Congress of the United States to direct the United States Department of
13 Agriculture to reinstate and provide long-term funding for the Local Food for Schools
14 Program.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 president of the United States, the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture,
17 and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill

1. Clarify language for Congress to direct U.S. Department of Agriculture to reinstate funding to LFS Program.
2. Update amount allocated by the LFS Program.