URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADOPT
NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE THE NUTRITIONAL QUALITY
OF ALL SCHOOL MEALS.

WHEREAS, ensuring that the foods provided to children in
schools are consistent with current dietary recommendations is
an important national focus; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the
School Breakfast Program (SBP) hold the potential to provide
nearly all the nation's schoolchildren with access to
nutritious, low-cost meals to support their growth, development,
and health; and

WHEREAS, the NSLP alone is available in ninety-nine per
cent of U.S. public schools and in eighty-three per cent of all
private and public schools and in fiscal year 2007, the
participating schools served about 5.1 billion lunches at a
federal cost of approximately $8.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, in School Meals: Building Blocks for Healthy
Children, the Institute of Medicine provides recommendations to
revise the nutrition- and food-related standards and
requirements for the NSLP and the SBP; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Institute of Medicine is the
development of a set of well-conceived, practical, and
 economical recommendations for standards that reflect current
 nutritional science, increase the availability of key food
groups as appropriate, and allow these two meal programs to
better meet the nutritional needs of children, foster healthy
eating habits, and safeguard children's health; and

WHEREAS, Team Nutrition is an initiative of the United
States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to
support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and
technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for
children and their caregivers, and school and community support
for healthy eating and physical activity; and

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WHEREAS, the goal of Team Nutrition is to improve children's lifelong eating and physical activity habits; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, that the Hawaii Congressional Delegation is requested to urge the United States Department of Agriculture to adopt the Institute of Medicine nutritional guidelines and to accelerate the Nutrition Education and Training Program and Team Nutrition initiative to improve the nutritional quality of all school meals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

OFFERED BY:

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