THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 933 Session of 2010

INTRODUCED BY ROAE, READSHAW, SIPTROTH, HENNESSEY, KAUFFMAN, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, GROVE, HUTCHINSON, MURT, ROCK, STERN, STURLA AND SWANGER, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to take action
2   to safeguard the health of families who are eligible for food
3   stamps by changing the way the Food Stamps Program is
4   regulated.

5   WHEREAS, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

6 (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamps Program, is

7 administered in Pennsylvania by the Department of Public Welfare

8 with guidelines from the United States Department of Agriculture

9 (USDA); and

10   WHEREAS, The program is designed to supply people of low

11 income with adequate resources to feed their families each

12 month; and

13   WHEREAS, There are minimal limits as to what types of food

14 can be purchased through SNAP; and

15   WHEREAS, The levels of obesity, particularly in children, is

16 rising in this Commonwealth and nationwide; and

17   WHEREAS, People may need education to make healthier and more

18 cost-effective decisions about purchasing food; and

1   WHEREAS, The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

2 contains far more stringent guidelines to limit foods to only

3 those that are determined to be healthful for children; and

4   WHEREAS, WIC is also regulated by the USDA; therefore be it

5   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania

6 memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action to

7 safeguard the health of families who are eligible for food

8 stamps by changing the way the Food Stamps Program is regulated

9 so that it more closely tracks with the WIC Program in terms of

10 healthy choices for people; and be it further

11   RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

12 all members of Congress from Pennsylvania to make them aware of

13 our concern for the health of all Pennsylvanians.