

House Resolution 808

By: Representatives Schofield of the 63rd, Scott of the 76th, Davis of the 87th, Mitchell of the 88th, and Buckner of the 137th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to allow certain benefits to be used for purchasing menstrual products; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, menstrual products are a basic necessity for people who menstruate. Just like
4 food and shelter, access to menstrual products is crucial for maintaining personal hygiene,
5 dignity, and overall well-being. It is a fundamental aspect of reproductive health, and without
6 access to these products, individuals may face discomfort, embarrassment, and even health
7 risks; and

8 WHEREAS, menstrual products are considered to be medical devices and are regulated by
9 the Center for Devices and Radiological Health of the Food and Drug Administration; and

10 WHEREAS, for many low-income individuals and families, menstrual products can
11 represent a significant expense. Allowing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
12 Women, Infants, and Children; and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits to
13 cover these products would ease the financial burden on those who are already struggling to
14 make ends meet; and

15 WHEREAS, ensuring access to menstrual products is a matter of gender equity and human
16 rights. Menstruation is a natural bodily function, and everyone who menstruates deserves
17 access to products that allow them to manage it with dignity. By providing assistance for
18 menstrual products, Congress can help bridge the gender inequality gap and promote equal
19 access to essential resources; and

20 WHEREAS, access to menstrual products is crucial for young individuals in school and
21 adults in the workforce. Lack of access can lead to absenteeism and decreased productivity,
22 affecting educational and employment opportunities. By supporting access to menstrual
23 products, Congress can help individuals stay engaged in school and work, contributing
24 positively to society; and

25 WHEREAS, inadequate access to menstrual products can lead to health issues, such as
26 infections and irritation, which may result from using alternative, less hygienic materials.
27 This can lead to increased healthcare costs, which could be prevented by ensuring access to
28 quality menstrual products; and

29 WHEREAS, inadequate access to menstrual products can lead to health issues, and menstrual
30 products can be included as a paper product or toiletry line item; and

31 WHEREAS, Congress is urged to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
32 Women, Infants, and Children; and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits to be
33 used to purchase menstrual products for the many important reasons set out above and to
34 raise the amounts of these benefits by \$20.00 to cover the costs of menstrual products.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
36 the members of this body urge Congress to allow certain benefits to be used for purchasing
37 menstrual products.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
40 members of the Georgia congressional delegation.