

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1501

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A RESOLUTION relative to almond milk and unfortified soy milk.

WHEREAS, some children have an allergy to milk or are lactose intolerant; and

WHEREAS, a milk allergy or lactose intolerance requires parents to work closely with their healthcare provider to determine the appropriate non-dairy beverage to replace milk in their children's diets; and

WHEREAS, fortified soy milk is currently the only milk alternative that may be purchased with federal WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) benefits; other plant-based beverages, such as almond milk, cannot be purchased with WIC benefits, even if prescribed by a physician; and

WHEREAS, children should have access to a wide range of milk alternatives as part of a healthy diet; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the non-dairy beverage industry for producing almond milk and unfortified soy milk as suitable milk alternatives for children who are allergic to milk or are lactose intolerant and commend those parents who utilize almond milk and unfortified soy milk in providing a healthy, balanced diet for their children who are allergic to milk or are lactose intolerant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.