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Expressing support for the designation of the third week of March 2025
as “National CACFP Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2025

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the third week
of March 2025 as “National CACFP Week”.

Whereas the Department of Agriculture reaffirms the vital
role positive nutrition habits play in the healthy growth
of children in the United States;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture also recognizes the
importance of nutrition education for the most vulnerable
and youngest children, as well as adults, through care
centers and homes throughout the United States;

Whereas the child and adult care food program (commonly
referred to as “CACFP”) provides meals and snacks to
more than 4,500,000 children in child care centers, fam-
ily day care homes, emergency shelters, and after-school
programs and 115,000 adults in adult day care centers

daily, covering the costs of nearly 1,700,000,000 nutritious meals and snacks each year;

Whereas research has found that participation in CACFP reduces the prevalence of the conditions of underweight, overweight, or obesity in children, which highlights the importance of healthful meal patterns along with accurate nutrition education;

Whereas CACFP increases the quality of child care, especially for children in low-income communities;

Whereas CACFP increases the effectiveness and viability of Head Start programs, child care programs, including military child care, and adult day care homes for many providers, especially in rural areas;

Whereas CACFP improves the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical health and development of children, leading to more favorable outcomes such as—

- (1) a decreased likelihood of being hospitalized;
- (2) an increased likelihood of healthy weight gain;

and

- (3) an increased likelihood of a more varied diet, including increased consumption of vegetables, meat, eggs, whole grains, and milk;

Whereas the innovative approach to CACFP implementation, which pairs Head Start programs, child care homes and centers, including military child care, adult day care centers, emergency shelters, and after-school sites with either a nonprofit sponsoring organization or a State agency, highlights a unique public-private partnership that supports working families and small businesses; and

Whereas the third week of March is annually recognized as “National CACFP Week” to raise awareness of the child

and adult care food program of the Department of Agriculture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the role of the child and adult
3 care food program (commonly referred to as
4 “CACFP”) in improving the health of the country’s
5 most vulnerable children and adults in Head Start
6 programs, child care programs, including military
7 child care, family day care homes, emergency shel-
8 ters, adult day care homes, and after-school care by
9 providing nutritious meals and snacks;

10 (2) urges support for continuing to strengthen
11 CACFP by offering reimbursement for an additional
12 meal or snack for children in care for a full day, re-
13 ducing area eligibility from 50 percent to 40 percent,
14 offering annual eligibility to for-profit child care cen-
15 ters, factoring in annual food inflation fairly for
16 child care regardless of setting, and reducing admin-
17 istrative burdens to participation;

18 (3) acknowledges that CACFP can, and should,
19 be an important tool in reducing the costs faced by
20 the care economy, including licensed or approved
21 child or adult care; and

22 (4) supports the designation of “National
23 CACFP Week”.

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