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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to statistics from the Center for
3 Disease Control and Prevention, two-thirds of American adults
4 are overweight or obese; the rates of obesity have doubled in
5 children and tripled in teens since 1980; 24.9% of Illinoisans
6 are considered obese; and

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WHEREAS, Obesity increases the risk of diabetes, heart
8 disease, stroke, and other health problems; and

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10 WHEREAS, Over the past two decades, there has been a
11 significant increase in the number of meals prepared and eaten
12 outside the home and eaten at restaurants and other
food-service establishments; and

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14 WHEREAS, The Food Stamp Program was designed to help end
15 hunger and improve nutrition and health; the program helps
16 low-income households buy the food they need for a
17 nutritionally adequate diet; the program is managed by the Food
18 and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of
19 Agriculture; the Department of Human Services administers the
program in Illinois; and

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21 WHEREAS, The federal government mandates which foods may be
purchased under the program; the federal government specifies

1 that food stamp benefits can be used to buy any food or food
2 product for human consumption, plus seeds and plants for use in
3 home gardens to produce food; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the United
6 States Congress to start a waiver program to prohibit the use
7 of food stamps to purchase foods of minimal nutritional value
8 as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and
9 Nutrition Service; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
11 presented to the members of the Illinois congressional
12 delegation.