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## 2019 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 20

February 17, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, EDMING, JAMES, SUMMERFIELD, TAUCHEN, TRANEL and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** a statement in support of increased milk options in the National School  
2           Lunch Program.

3           Whereas, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 limited USDA flexibility  
4     to offer children more milk options within the National School Lunch Program; and

5           Whereas, since passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which  
6     limited USDA flexibility within the National School Lunch Program regarding  
7     allowable milk offerings, consumption of milk has rapidly declined in public schools,  
8     in part, due to a lack of variety of product offerings; and

9           Whereas, in 2017, the USDA enacted a rule allowing schools to receive a waiver  
10    allowing low-fat (1 percent) flavored milk as an option within the National School  
11    Lunch Program; and

12           Whereas, milk, flavored or unflavored, is the number one source of nine  
13    essential nutrients to young people, including calcium, vitamin D, and potassium;  
14    and

1           Whereas, according to *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, meeting dairy  
2 recommendations can have lifelong health benefits, such as improved bone health,  
3 especially in children and adolescents; and

4           Whereas, current evidence shows that the intake of dairy products, like milk,  
5 cheese, and yogurt, is associated with a reduced risk of both cardiovascular disease  
6 and type 2 diabetes and with lower blood pressure in adults; and

7           Whereas, according to a study published in *Lancet* in 2018, a total intake of two  
8 or more servings of full-fat dairy food was associated with a 22 percent lower risk  
9 of heart disease, a 34 percent lower risk of stroke, and a 23 percent lower risk of death  
10 from cardiovascular disease; and

11           Whereas, H.R. 832, known as the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2019, was  
12 introduced on January 29, 2019, by U.S. Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson  
13 (R-PA) and Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Collin Peterson  
14 (D-MN), to expand on the USDA rule by allowing whole milk (both flavored and  
15 unflavored) to be offered within the National School Lunch Program; and

16           Whereas, Wisconsin is “America’s Dairyland” but has experienced a five-year  
17 downturn in both milk prices and the number of dairy farms operating in the state;  
18 and

19           Whereas, the Wisconsin State Legislature should do everything in its power to  
20 support this industry that is so vital to the economy and culture of our beloved state;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin Assembly strongly encourages  
23 all efforts to increase consumption of milk among America’s youth, including

