

With all of that being said, I congratulate Congressman PERRIELLO for the resolution and encourage my colleagues to support the resolution.

I yield back my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 347.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 442) recognizing the importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 442

Whereas Child and Adult Care Food Program participants under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act include sponsoring organizations, child care centers, family day care homes, Head Start programs, at-risk after-school care centers, outside-school hours care centers, emergency shelters, and adult day care centers;

Whereas 49,624 licensed child care centers with 2,300,000 children participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in 2008;

Whereas 141,535 licensed or approved family child care homes with 849,000 children participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in 2008;

Whereas 872 family child care sponsoring organizations participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in 2008;

Whereas in 2008, 71 percent of all meals served in child care centers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program qualified for reimbursement at the rates established for free or reduced price meals;

Whereas 78 percent of all meals served in family day care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program qualified for tier I reimbursement factors in 2008;

Whereas the Child and Adult Care Food Program was cited as one of the important supports for long-term success in building strong family child care for low-income families;

Whereas 87 percent of the family child care homes considered to be providing good quality child care participated in the Child and Adult Care Food Program;

Whereas the Child and Adult Care Food Program, due to its unique combination of training and oversight, is an effective vehicle for supporting family child care providers and enhancing the care they provide;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture's evaluation of the Child and Adult Care Food Program found that children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program received meals that were nutritionally superior to those meals served in child care settings outside of the Child and Adult Care Food Program;

Whereas studies have shown that young children feel safe and secure, pay attention,

behave, and stay healthy, when they are well nourished;

Whereas research has shown that children who participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program eat more fruits, vegetables, milk, and have a better overall diet quality;

Whereas the current economic crisis is causing more families to rely on the Child and Adult Care Food Program as they struggle to feed their children;

Whereas the Child and Adult Care Food Program contributes to and supports quality child care that provides early education experiences; and

Whereas participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, provides a basis for lifetime healthy eating behaviors: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its overall positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families, as well as its positive effect on improving the quality of a child's child care environment;

(2) promotes program collaboration and encourages States to better coordinate the use of all Federal and State funding streams across early learning and child development systems and programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program;

(3) recognizes the need to provide adequate resources to improve the availability and quality of nutritious meals and snacks served by Child and Adult Care Food Program facilities;

(4) recognizes the impact of nonprofit and community organizations that work to increase the awareness of, and access to, the Child and Adult Care Food Program;

(5) recognizes the need to provide States with resources to improve the availability of nutritious meals in child care;

(6) recognizes that the Child and Adult Care Food Program provides a higher meal quality and a substantial nutrition contribution to the diets of children in child care; and

(7) recognizes the Child and Adult Care Food Program can help young children establish healthy eating habits which help to prevent childhood obesity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 442 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TONKO. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 442, which expresses Congress' support for the important work of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Participation in nutrition programs sets the foundation for healthy lifetime eating behaviors. Studies prove that it is only when young children are well nourished that they feel secure, pay attention, behave and maintain good

health. Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program's provisioning of nutritious meals and snacks, millions of children are able to experience the positive effects of improved nutrition.

Authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, the Child and Adult Care Food Program seeks to improve the quality of child care through the support of programs providing early education experiences while making such programs more affordable to our low-income families. As part of their day care program, licensed child care centers and child care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program provide 2.9 million nutritious meals and snacks every day of operation. These meals and snacks have been found to be nutritionally superior to the meals provided by nonparticipating providers. In fact, the program that has its children participating in it, has them consuming more fruits, vegetables and milk than nonparticipants. They even have higher quality diets overall.

Beyond the services provided to young children in child care, the Child and Adult Care Food Program also provides meals for children in emergency shelters and those enrolled in eligible after-school care programs. Additionally, the program serves 86,000 adults receiving care in nonresidential adult day care centers.

Sponsorship of the child and adult care food program is critical now that the economic crisis is making it even harder for families to adequately feed their children. All children who qualify should be able to experience the positive benefits of the high-quality child care and nutritious meals as provided by the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Madam Speaker, once again, I express my support for the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 442, recognizing the importance of The Child and Adult Food Care Program and its positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's food and nutrition service administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program through grants to States.

The Child and Adult Care Food Program serves nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers. Every day, 2.9 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks with the Child and Adult Food Program. The program provides meals and snacks to 86,000 adults who receive care in those residential adult day care centers.

The program also provides meals to children residing in emergency shelters