

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2053

Sponsors: Representative Fisher.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 17, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE 2007 FARM BILL
2 TO ENABLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE LOCALLY GROWN FOOD.

3 Whereas, obesity among school children is becoming more prevalent giving
4 rise to dangerous medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

5 Whereas, school systems can help encourage healthy eating by providing
6 children with more nutritious choices; and

7 Whereas, many school systems in North Carolina are located near farms that
8 could supply them with fresh fruits and vegetables; and

9 Whereas, federal law currently prohibits school districts from specifying
10 geographic preference in their bids for foods and beverages available in school nutrition
11 programs; Now, therefore,

12 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

13 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly urges Congress to amend the 2007
14 Farm Bill to allow school districts to use locally grown food to augment the school
15 nutrition programs in North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to the members of North Carolina's congressional delegation.

18 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.