

## House Resolution 2012

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 11-17, 2014, as Food Allergy Awareness Week at the state capitol; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies, and nearly 6 million are  
4 children under the age of 18; and

5 WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among  
6 children; and

7 WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States:  
8 shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; symptoms of a food-allergic  
9 reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies  
12 result in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18; and

13 WHEREAS, reactions typically occur when individuals unknowingly eat a food containing  
14 an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

15 WHEREAS, there is no cure for a food allergy, and scientists do not understand why; strict  
16 avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

17 WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause  
18 death; and

19 WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education is a national, nonprofit organization  
20 dedicated to ensuring the safety and inclusion of individuals with food allergies while  
21 relentlessly seeking a cure.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize May 11-17, 2014, as Food Allergy Awareness Week at  
24 the state capitol.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.