

## House Resolution 272

By: Representatives Glaize of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Dickey of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Townsend of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Paris of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Campbell of the 35<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging the United States Congress to adopt legislation requiring the United States  
2 Department of Agriculture to modify eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition  
3 Assistance Program (SNAP) for students enrolled in institutions of higher education; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, under existing federal regulations, students enrolled in institutions of higher  
6 education are ineligible for SNAP benefits unless they qualify for certain exemptions; and

7 WHEREAS, one such exemption is that a student must be employed for at least 20 hours per  
8 week and paid for such employment; and

9 WHEREAS, many students are often involved in unpaid work and other activities that are  
10 similar to employment; and

11 WHEREAS, students engaged in such unpaid work and other activities are meaningfully  
12 contributing to their campus communities and should have the same eligibility for SNAP  
13 benefits as students engaged in paid employment.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body encourage the United States Congress to adopt legislation requiring  
16 the United States Department of Agriculture to modify SNAP eligibility criteria for students  
17 so that the following would count toward the employment exemption, regardless of whether  
18 a student was paid:

- 19 (1) Work done as part of a research assistantship;
- 20 (2) Work done by teaching assistants;
- 21 (3) Work with student organizations, including work done by officers of such  
22 organizations;
- 23 (4) Volunteer and community service hours; and
- 24 (5) Work done by student ambassadors.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 United States Congress.