

Rep. Talabi offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to expand the use of Food Assistance Program dollars to include personal hygiene products and home cleaning supplies.

Whereas, The Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program (SNAP) provides low-income households throughout the country with access to nutritious food. However, these households also have a great need for personal hygiene products and home cleaning supplies that are prohibited from being purchased with the food assistance program's Electronic Benefits Transfer Card (EBT); and

Whereas, Personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies are important staples in every household. They are a necessary part of the preparation for attending school, going to work, and looking for work. Such items are basic necessities for daily living and should be regarded as an allowable purchase with food assistance benefits; and

Whereas, As Michigan closes thousands of cases for cash assistance recipients, these families can add yet another challenge to their already precarious lives. Many will lose the purchasing power for such basic and personal needs that most of us take for granted. Expansion of SNAP benefits to include such purchases would provide much needed help. Without these products, health problems may occur that could cause additional costs and hardships for the family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialized Congress to expand the Supplemental Food Assistance Program (SNAP) to include personal hygiene products and home cleaning supplies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation