

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 84

Rep. Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to
2 enact legislation to add bottled water to the list of WIC-eligible
3 foods.

4 Whereas, The federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
5 for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods
6 and nutrition education for low-income women who are pregnant or
7 post-partum, infants, and children up to age five who are at
8 nutritional risk; and

9 Whereas, Access to safe drinking water remains a concern for
10 many communities across Michigan and the entire United States. Lead
11 from aging water infrastructure and per- and polyfluoroalkyl
12 substances (PFAS) from firefighting and manufacturing are only a
13 few of the many contaminants of concern that can be found in

1 drinking water; and

2 Whereas, The WIC population is particularly vulnerable to the
3 negative impacts of contaminated water. During pregnancy and early
4 childhood, even low levels of exposure to drinking water
5 contaminants, such as lead, can have long-term impacts on brain
6 development; and

7 Whereas, Federal law establishes the minimum requirements that
8 states must follow to develop WIC food packages, but bottled water
9 may not currently be purchased with WIC benefits. Allowing the
10 purchase of bottled water with WIC benefits would ensure a clean,
11 healthy source of water for WIC participants; now, therefore, be it

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
13 Congress of the United States to enact legislation to add bottled
14 water to the list of WIC-eligible foods; and be it further

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