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Affirming the purpose and value of senior nutrition programs created under the Older Americans Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Affirming the purpose and value of senior nutrition programs created under the Older Americans Act.

Whereas senior nutrition programs are low cost, locally managed, and enjoy widespread community and volunteer support;

Whereas an essential the key to the success of senior nutrition programs is their openness. A means-test, if established, would discourage participation;

Whereas the nutritional needs of more than 2.5 million senior citizens are met by congregate meal programs which serve more than 1.3 million meals a year in churches, senior centers, and community locations;

Whereas more than 820,000 shut-in senior citizens receive meals delivered to their homes each year;

Whereas lunch can be delivered to a senior citizen at home for a full year for less than the cost of one day in a hospital;

Whereas senior nutrition programs are a method of preventive care for senior citizens;

Whereas senior nutrition programs are a key link in the network of senior support programs, often providing the opportunity to coordinate the services senior citizens need to lead independent and rewarding lives;

Whereas senior nutrition programs connect senior citizens to social activities which significantly add to their quality of life; and

Whereas without senior nutrition programs, senior citizens would face a greater risk of nutritional deficiency, poor health, and isolation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 nutritional programs created under the Older Americans
 4 Act provide essential assistance to senior citizens, that
 5 their effectiveness would be severely compromised by re-
 6 moving the programs from the Act, and that their viability
 7 would be threatened by reducing the total funds available
 8 and combining senior nutrition with means-tested public
 9 assistance programs.

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