

Rep. Womack offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 130.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to enact the Healthy Schools Act of 2009.

Whereas, It is of vital necessity for all possible resources to be made available to address the growing and compelling health needs of our children. School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) can be invaluable avenue to provide children access to health care. For this reason, we support S. 1034, the Healthy Schools Act of 2009. This legislation would provide funding for the support of school-based health clinics. With nearly 8.7 million children without health insurance, SBHCs are providers of access to critical health care services; and

Whereas, The Healthy Schools program authorizes SBHCs to be reimbursed for providing a variety of services to children including sick visits, immunizations, mental-health services, and sports physicals. These centers are instrumental in addressing the growing need among children and adolescents for access to affordable health care. Poor health status is a critical indicator of a child's preparation to successfully function in a learning environment; and

Whereas, Michigan has 94 SBHCs located throughout the state that would benefit directly from funding provided by the Healthy Schools Act. We encourage the passage of this legislation which will greatly support the health and educational needs of the children of Michigan and across the country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact S. 1034, the Healthy Schools Act of 2009, to provide funding for the development and operation of school-based health clinics; 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.