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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program under such Act to serve whole milk.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. FINSTAD, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. BOST, Mr. MANN, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. BACON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. PERRY, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. MACKENZIE, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. STEIL, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. BARR, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. RYAN, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. ROSE, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. WIED, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. TONKO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GUEST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Whole Milk for
5 Healthy Kids Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. ORGANIC OR NON-ORGANIC WHOLE MILK PERMIS-**
7 **SIBLE.**

8 Section 9(a)(2) of the Richard B. Russell National
9 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(2)) is amended—
10 (1) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Lunches served by
13 schools participating in the school lunch pro-
14 gram under this Act—

15 “(i) shall offer students a variety of
16 fluid milk;

17 “(ii) may offer students flavored and
18 unflavored organic or non-organic whole,
19 reduced-fat, low-fat, and fat-free fluid milk
20 and lactose-free fluid milk; and

21 “(iii) shall provide a substitute for
22 fluid milk for students whose disability re-
23 stricts their diet, on receipt of a written
24 statement from a licensed physician, par-
25 ent, or legal guardian that identifies the

1 disability that restricts the student’s diet
2 and that specifies the substitute for fluid
3 milk.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(D) SATURATED FAT.—Milk fat included
6 in any fluid milk provided under subparagraph
7 (A) shall not be considered saturated fat for
8 purposes of measuring compliance with the al-
9 lowable average saturated fat content of a meal
10 under section 210.10 of title 7, Code of Federal
11 Regulations (or successor regulations).

12 “(E) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PUR-
13 CHASES.—The Secretary shall prohibit schools
14 participating in the school lunch program under
15 this Act from purchasing or offering milk pro-
16 duced by China state-owned enterprises.

17 “(F) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The
18 Secretary may not prohibit any school partici-
19 pating in the school lunch program under this
20 Act from offering students the milk described in
21 subparagraph (A)(ii).”.

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