

Resolution 3A

Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know

2012 The U.S. Health Freedom Congress

Schaumburg, IL, June 14, 2012

Referring to H.R. 3553, Sponsored by Representative Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and introduced on December 2, 2011

“Whereas, the process of genetically engineering foods results in the material change of such foods;

Whereas the Congress has previously required that all foods bear labels that reveal material facts to consumers;

Whereas Federal agencies have failed to uphold Congressional intent by allowing genetically engineered foods to be marketed, sold and otherwise used without labeling that reveals material facts to the public;

Whereas consumers wish to know whether the food they purchase and consume contains or is produced with a genetically engineered material for a variety of reasons, including the potential transfer of allergens into food and other health risks, concerns about potential environmental risks associated with the genetic engineering of crops, and religiously and ethically based dietary restrictions;

Whereas consumers have a right to know whether the food they purchase contains or was produced with genetically engineered material;

Whereas labels voluntarily placed on foods are insufficient to provide consumers with adequate information on whether or not all the food they are purchasing contains or was produced with genetically engineered material;

Whereas mandatory labeling provides a critical scientific method necessary for the continual postmarket surveillance to study long-term health impacts and enforcement of food safety laws preventing adulterated foods from reaching consumers;

Whereas many of the United States key trading partners, including countries in the European Union, Japan, and the People’s Republic of China, have established, or are in the process of implementing, mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered food; and

Whereas adoption and implementation of mandatory labeling requirements for genetically engineered food produced in the United States would facilitate international trade by allowing American farmers and companies to export and appropriately market their products—both genetically engineered and non-genetically engineered—to foreign customers.”(H.R. 3553 2012)

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that H.R.3553 , The Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act, Sponsored by Representative Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and introduced on December 2, 2011 be supported, and that if H.R. 3553, be adopted into law it would:

- (i) establish in law the imperative legal concept that; the fact that a product is genetically engineered is a material fact for purposes of product labeling laws and for purposes of consumer informed choice; and
- (ii) protect the fundamental right of consumers to make personal food choices and health related choices for their own sustenance, health, and survival; and
- (iii) protect the fundamental right of consumers to have access to all information that ensures their right to make informed decisions regarding the use of genetically engineered food and products.

Be it resolved that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress has considered the following resolutions and hereby adopts the health freedom principles embodied in the resolutions and offers the support of the member organizations to the extent determined by each organization's governing principles. *

*This statement was adopted to apply to the set of resolutions that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress passed June 14, 2012.