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National PTA Supports U.S. House of Reps Efforts to Improve Child Nutrition

Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act Introduced Today

MEMPHIS, TENN. (June 10, 2010) – U.S. Representative George Miller (D-CA-7) today introduced the Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act that would strengthen school meals and other programs under the Child Nutrition Act which is up for reauthorization this year.

This legislation is a tremendous step forward in the ongoing effort to improve the health and wellness of our nation's youth. Through improvements in the quality of school foods offered, greater access to programs for eligible children, and increased support for those who are charged with feeding students, Chairman Miller's bill addresses the startling levels of both child hunger and childhood obesity in a significant manner. In addition, the Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act helps ensure that parents are engaged in the decisions which affect their children's health.

"The provisions in this bill show a commitment to making sure that parents remain at the table when decisions affecting their kids are being made," says Charles J. "Chuck" Saylor, National PTA President.

National PTA[®], the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association, has worked to improve child health outcomes since its inception in 1897. These efforts have led to the creations of the U.S. Public Health Service, the school lunch program, and the Department of Health and Human Services at the federal level. In addition, the association has consistently provided a platform for parents to advocate for children and work together to support generations of Americans.

About National PTA

National PTA[®] comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.