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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 343**

**Introduced by Honorable Rodante D. Marcoleta**

**A RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO CONDUCT AN AGGRESSIVE AND MASSIVE INFORMATION DRIVE ON THE ILL EFFECTS OF HIGH-FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP (HFCS) ON HEALTH IN ORDER TO KEEP IN CHECK INCIDENTS OF METABOLIC SYNDROME THAT RENDERS PEOPLE PRONE TO HEART DISEASES, STROKE, DIABETES, OBESITY, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, HIGH BLOOD TRIGLYCERIDES, LOW LEVELS OF HDL CHOLESTEROL, AND INSULIN RESISTANCE**

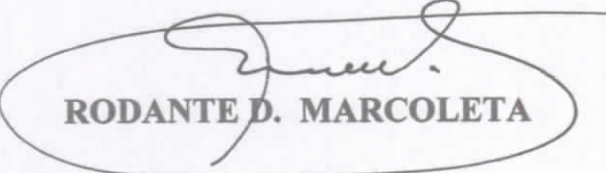
**WHEREAS**, the high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) is now widely used as an alternative sweetener in the manufacture of sugar-sweetened food products and beverages, such as soft drinks and fruit juices, sold in the market today;

**WHEREAS**, HFCS, a chemically produced form of fructose found in sweetened food products and beverages, could cause conditions falling under the so-called metabolic syndrome, which is a cluster of conditions that make people prone to heart diseases, stroke, and diabetes including obesity, high blood pressure, high blood triglycerides, low levels of HDL cholesterol, and insulin resistance;

**WHEREAS**, the ill effects of HFCS are not widely known in the country and it is imperative on the government, through the Department of Health, to conduct aggressive and massive information drive and make known the ill effects of HFCS to avert the rise on health risks and incidents associated with the widespread use of HFCS; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives, to urge the Department of Health to conduct an aggressive and massive information drive on the ill effects of high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) on health in order to keep in check incidents of metabolic syndrome that renders people prone to heart diseases, stroke, diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, high blood triglycerides, low levels of HDL cholesterol, and insulin resistance.

Adopted,

  
**RODANTE D. MARCOLETA**