

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to amend
2 Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset provision.

3 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset provision reduces public employees'
4 Social Security spousal or survival benefits by up to two-thirds of their public pension; and

5 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset provision has inequitable effects on
6 many teachers, firefighters, police, postal workers, and others who have struggled their
7 entire working careers to supplement family budgets and retirement savings with part-time
8 and summer jobs where they paid into Social Security; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Education Association estimates that some 300,000
10 individuals are losing an average of \$3,600 a year to the Government Pension Offset
11 provision; and

12 WHEREAS, nine out of ten public employees affected by the Government Pension
13 Offset provision lose their entire spousal benefit, even though their spouses paid Social
14 Security taxes for many years; and

15 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset provision impacts the teaching
16 profession, as individuals who worked in other careers are less likely to desire to become
17 educators if doing so will result in the loss of earned Social Security benefits; and

18 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset provision has the severest effect on
19 widowed lower-income women, who have worked hard for years and can least afford
20 reduced benefits; and

21 WHEREAS, the amounts lost due to the Government Pension Offset provision can
22 make the difference between self-sufficiency and poverty; and

23 WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of the 15 states most impacted by the Government
24 Pension Offset provision; and

25 WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation concerning the repeal of the Government Pension
26 Offset provision was introduced in the 115th Congress;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

3 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky General Assembly respectfully urges the United States
4 Congress to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension
5 Offset provision.

6 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and the members of the
8 Kentucky Congressional Delegation.