

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social
2 Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall
3 Elimination Provision.

4 WHEREAS, the Social Security Act includes two provisions, the Government
5 Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security
6 benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under other retirement systems
7 under certain conditions; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the Windfall Elimination Provision reduces the earned Social Security
11 benefits of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by
12 Social Security; and

13 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination
14 Provision have inequitable effects on many teachers, firefighters, police, postal workers,
15 and others who have struggled their entire working careers to supplement family budgets
16 and retirement savings with part-time and summer jobs where they paid into Social
17 Security; and

18 WHEREAS, the National Education Association estimates that some 300,000
19 individuals are losing an average of \$3,600 a year to the Government Pension Offset
20 Provision; and

21 WHEREAS, nine out of ten public employees affected by the Government Pension
22 Offset Provision lose their entire spousal benefit, even though their spouses paid Social
23 Security taxes for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination
25 Provision impact the teaching profession, as individuals who worked in other careers are
26 less likely to desire to become educators if doing so will result in the loss of earned Social
27 Security benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, the Government Pension Offset Provision has the severest effect on
2 widowed lower-income women, who have worked hard for years and can least afford
3 reduced benefits; and

4 WHEREAS, the amounts lost due to the Government Pension Offset Provision and
5 the Windfall Elimination Provision can make the difference between self-sufficiency and
6 poverty; and

7 WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of the 15 states most impacted by the Government
8 Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision; and

9 WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation concerning the repeal of the Government Pension
10 Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision was introduced in the 115th
11 Congress;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
14 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

15 ➔Section 1. This honorable body respectfully urges the United States Congress to
16 amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset
17 Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision.

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