

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 the Government Pension Offset
5 Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision, which 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 pensions;
10 and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, the Congressional Research Service released data in December 2021
20 showing that the Government Pension Offset Provision disproportionately affects women,
21 who accounted for 83 percent all persons affected by the provision; and

22 WHEREAS, 82 percent of all Kentuckians affected by the Government Pension
23 Offset Provision lose their entire spousal benefit, even though their spouses paid Social
24 Security taxes for many years; and

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

1 earned Social Security benefits; and

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

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

8 WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of the 20 states most impacted by the Government
9 Pension Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision; and

10 WHEREAS, bipartisan legislation concerning the repeal of the Government Pension
11 Offset Provision and the Windfall Elimination Provision was introduced in the 117th
12 Congress;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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