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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) was created in 1983 to fix an error in how Social Security benefits were calculated that had become known as the "windfall"; however, the WEP did not always function as intended and often penalized workers by giving them a lower income replacement rate than they deserved; and

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WHEREAS, The WEP is also overly complicated in addition to being overly punitive; it is not an issue for individuals who spend their entire career in one job where they do not pay Social Security tax; however, for those who work both at a job where they do pay the tax and one where they do not, it can be a very confusing process to deal with the WEP; in the modern economy, it is more likely that an individual will have multiple jobs over their lifetime rather than just one; and

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WHEREAS, United States House Resolution 711 repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision and replaces it with the Public Servant Fairness Formula; this change would allow for the use of one benefit calculation for all beneficiaries; it will be easier to understand and more fair; and

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WHEREAS, U.S. H.R. 711 is not supported by all as the best way to fix the problems created by the WEP; however, it has

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1 gone further in the process than previous attempts, showcasing
2 the widespread belief that something needs to be done to
3 correct the problems created by the WEP; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 urge President Trump and the United States Congress to continue
7 to work to find a solution to the problems created by the
8 Windfall Elimination Provision; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority
11 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck
12 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of
13 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members
14 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.