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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The federal Social Security Act includes two provisions, the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, that reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under the public retirement systems of the State under certain conditions; and

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WHEREAS, These provisions penalize individuals who dedicate the majority of their productive years to public service to the State of Illinois, including educators, police officers, and firefighters; and

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WHEREAS, These provisions remove benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned by paying into the Social Security system; and

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WHEREAS, These provisions often leave public employees facing poverty in their retirement; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois benefits with the recruitment of the best and most able individuals for public employment but is hindered from doing so because of the offset penalties; and

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1           WHEREAS, These provisions discourage individuals from  
2 moving from private sector employment into positions of public  
3 employment; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we encourage and support action by the Congress of the United  
7 States to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension  
8 Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social  
9 Security Act or to reduce the effects thereof; and be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
13 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
14 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives  
15 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional  
16 Delegation.