



1 employees, in practice they have had and continue to have  
2 devastating consequences for low-income employees who worked for  
3 many years as public servants; as of December 2018, more than two  
4 million government employees and retirees had been affected by  
5 either the GPO or the WEP or both, and the repercussions have been  
6 felt most acutely in Texas and 14 other states where a high  
7 proportion of public employees participate in state or municipal  
8 retirement systems that do not include Social Security; and

9       WHEREAS, These punitive and discriminatory provisions target  
10 hundreds of thousands of teachers, police officers, firefighters,  
11 and other public servants; although the vast majority of Texas  
12 school employees participate in the state's teacher retirement  
13 system, and therefore are not required to and do not participate in  
14 the Social Security system, many Texas teachers and other public  
15 school employees nonetheless have earned Social Security benefits  
16 on their own behalf through other employment, the WEP  
17 notwithstanding, or would be entitled to spousal Social Security  
18 benefits based on their spouses' lifetime earnings were it not for  
19 the GPO penalty; these provisions cause veteran teachers to retire  
20 prematurely and discourage qualified individuals from entering the  
21 teaching profession at precisely the time that Texas and the nation  
22 face a severe shortage of highly qualified educators; and

23       WHEREAS, The GPO and WEP as applied to public employees are  
24 unreasonable and unjust and will cause tens of thousands of  
25 government retirees to experience a diminished quality of life or  
26 be forced to return to work to make up for the effects of these  
27 provisions; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to  
3 repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination  
4 Provision of the Social Security Act; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
6 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
7 the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the  
9 members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that  
10 this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record  
11 as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 28 was adopted by the Senate on April 3, 2023, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 28 was adopted by the House on April 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor