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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act would
2 ensure that public employees receive fair Social Security benefits
3 after retiring; and

4 WHEREAS, This bipartisan legislation would repeal the
5 Windfall Elimination Provision which reduces the Social Security
6 benefits of workers who also have employment not covered by Social
7 Security, and replace that outdated and arbitrary formula with a
8 calculation based on the overall Social Security contributions and
9 work history of public employees, allowing them to receive
10 retirement benefits commensurate to private-sector workers; and

11 WHEREAS, The act would raise lifetime benefits for such
12 workers as teachers, firefighters, and police officers by an
13 estimated \$20,000 to more than \$32,400; moreover, it would not have
14 an impact on Social Security trust funds; and

15 WHEREAS, Each day, public servants improve the quality of
16 life for their fellow citizens in innumerable ways, and they are
17 indeed deserving of equal opportunity to enjoy a secure and
18 comfortable retirement; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
20 Legislature hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United
21 States to pass the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act; and, be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
24 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to

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1 the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the
2 Senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the
3 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution
4 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to
5 the Congress of the United States of America.