

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2411

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Sponsors: Representatives Lutz, Jack Hunt; and Buchanan.

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Referred to: Rules Suspended.

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July 26, 1990

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PASS  
2 LEGISLATION TO ENSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL  
3 SECURITY BENEFITS.

4 Whereas, the United States Congress amended the Social Security Act in  
5 1972 (Public Law 92-603) to increase retirement benefits to reflect cost-of-living  
6 increases; and

7 Whereas, a technical flaw in the amended benefit formula overcompensated  
8 people who retired after 1972; and

9 Whereas, Congress corrected its error by amending the Social Security Act in  
10 1977 (Public Law 95-216) to bring benefits back to historical levels, and phased in the  
11 reduction over five years, affecting individuals born between 1917 and 1921, called the  
12 "Notch" years; and

13 Whereas, the phase-in period has not provided a smooth transition, but has  
14 resulted in "Notch Babies" receiving as much as three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per year  
15 less in benefits than people who have similar work histories but were born in 1916; and

16 Whereas, members of Congress have for several years tried to pass legislation  
17 that would establish a uniform benefit formula to treat those born in the "Notch" years  
18 more equitably; and

19 Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of North Carolina is  
20 committed to equitable distribution of Social Security benefits and feels that the  
21 continued inequities in benefits received by persons born during the "Notch" years  
22 undermines public confidence in the Social Security system;

23 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

24 Section 1. The House of Representatives of the General Assembly urges  
25 Congress to pass legislation to ensure equitable distribution of Social Security benefits  
26 paid to those born between 1917 and 1921.

1           Sec. 2. The House of Representatives further urges the President of the  
2 United States to sign this legislation so that the Social Security system will once again  
3 provide equal retirement benefits to all deserving individuals.

4           Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a  
5 certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of  
6 the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and  
7 to every member of the congressional delegation from North Carolina.

8           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.