

# CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States to oppose any legislation that requires Social Security coverage for members of any of Ohio's state retirement systems.

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio (the Senate concurring):*

WHEREAS, Ohio has a long history, predating the creation of Social Security, of providing retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to its state and local public employees through its own state retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, These state retirement systems, the Public Employees Retirement System, Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System, have combined assets of over \$165 billion and provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to over 1.5 million members, retirees, and beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, The state retirement system plans are offered in lieu of Social Security; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's state retirement systems are required by Ohio law to accumulate and maintain, through employer and employee contributions and investments, the necessary funds to pay all benefits promised by the Ohio General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The state retirement systems are well-managed and free of the financial problems facing Social Security; and

WHEREAS, Any federal mandates that require Ohio public employee participation in Social Security or other federal pension programs would devastate Ohio's state retirement systems, weaken the retirement security of its public employees, and jeopardize their retirement benefits; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the Congress of the United States to oppose any legislation containing provisions that would

require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be if further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, either in whole or in part, will meet with the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation whenever feasible to express our opposition to any federal legislation that would require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 130th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage our fellow members to personally meet with each Senator and Representative in the Ohio Congressional delegation to further express our opposition to any federal legislation that would require Ohio's public employees who are members of a state retirement system to participate in Social Security or any federal pension program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

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*Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ of the House of Representatives.*

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*President \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate.*

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_