

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 10

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NOLTE (Sponsor),  
GATSCHENBERGER AND ANDERS (Co-sponsors).

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2       **WHEREAS**, the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision  
3 (WEP) of the federal Social Security Act penalize people who have dedicated their lives to  
4 public service by taking away benefits they have earned; and

5       **WHEREAS**, nine out of ten public employees affected by the GPO lose their entire  
6 spousal benefit, even though their spouse paid Social Security taxes for many years; and

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8       **WHEREAS**, the WEP causes hard-working people to lose up to sixty percent of the  
9 benefits they earned themselves; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, many workers rely on Social Security Administration statements that fail  
12 to take into account the GPO and WEP when projecting benefits; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, the impact of the GPO and WEP is not just felt in those states in which  
15 public employees, including educators, are not covered by Social Security, because people move  
16 from state to state and affected individuals are everywhere; and

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18       **WHEREAS**, the GPO and WEP apply to all vested members of the Public School  
19 Retirement System of Missouri; and

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21       **WHEREAS**, the number of people affected across the country is growing every day as  
22 more and more people reach retirement age; and

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24       **WHEREAS**, these people have less money to spend in their local economy and  
25 sometimes have to turn to expensive government programs like food stamps to make ends meet;  
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28       **WHEREAS**, during a national teacher shortage, the GPO and WEP discourage people  
29 from entering and staying in the teaching profession, since doing so will mean a loss of earned  
30 Social Security benefits; and

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32       **WHEREAS**, the GPO and WEP are also causing current educators to leave the  
33 profession and students to choose courses of study other than education; and

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35           **WHEREAS**, non-Social Security states are finding it increasingly difficult to attract  
36 quality educators as more people learn about the GPO and WEP; and

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38           **WHEREAS**, the nation should respect, not penalize, public service; and

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40           **WHEREAS**, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law and repeal of the GPO and  
41 WEP can only be enacted by the United States Congress:

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43           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
44 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
45 concurring therein, hereby urge the Congress of the United States to immediately repeal the  
46 Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act; and

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48           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
49 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
50 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives  
51 and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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