

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Signed May 19, 1989.

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No. 12

(House Joint Resolution No. 23)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

### **Social Security "Notch Year" Benefit Cut Repeal**

FOR the purpose of urging Congress to adopt the pending federal legislation to restore certain Social Security benefits to Americans born in the "notch years".

WHEREAS, The Social Security System was designed to be fair to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The "notch year" benefit cut enacted by Congress in 1977 unfairly reduces Social Security benefits for up to 20 million retired workers born between 1917 and 1928; and

WHEREAS, These discriminatory benefit cuts may be over 20 percent of some people's Social Security benefits and cost the individuals affected an average of about \$660 per year; and

WHEREAS, The projected annual surplus in the Social Security Trust Funds would enable Congress to remedy this injustice and restore a fair level of benefits to "notch year" Americans without increasing scheduled payroll tax rates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly urges the United States Congress to adopt the program introduced into the last United States Congress by Senator Terry Sanford and Congressman Harold Ford to restore benefits which "notch year" Americans have paid for and earned; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500; to the Honorable J. Danforth Quayle, Vice President of the United States, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20501; and the Honorable James C. Wright, Jr., the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Room H-204, The Capitol, Washington, D. C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Helen Delich Bentley, Benjamin L. Cardin, C. Thomas McMillen, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Kweisi Mfume, and Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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