

Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana Resolution

WHEREAS the Social Security Act includes two offsets, the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), that reduce the Social Security benefits earned by persons in the private sector or from other public retirement systems under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS educators and many other public employees in Louisiana are penalized by the reduction or elimination of their Social Security survivor or dependent benefit under the Government Pension Offset and/or by the reduction of their Social Security benefit under the Windfall Elimination Provision; and

WHEREAS the Social Security provisions hurt low-income workers such as teachers and applies only to government workers and not to workers in the private sector who also receive pensions from their employers; and

WHEREAS the Social Security Act offsets discourage individuals with private sector or military service from seeking teaching and other public employment positions in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS the recruitment of teachers from other states who have earned Social Security benefits from other jobs is also undermined by these federal offsets; and

WHEREAS teachers have left Louisiana upon learning about these offsets in order to avoid losing Social Security benefits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana hereby supports the repeal of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision by the United State Congress by the adoption of this resolution by the Executive Board of the association on January 31, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana hereby request the Louisiana Congressional delegation to sign on as cosponsors to current federal legislation and support the repeal of the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.

COPIES of this resolution shall be transmitted to members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation and presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America.



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