

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 9

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Whereas**, the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination  
2 Provision (WEP) of the federal Social Security Act penalize people who have dedicated their  
3 lives to public and military service by taking away benefits they have earned; and  
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**Whereas**, nine out of ten public employees affected by the GPO lose their entire  
5 spousal benefit, even though their spouse paid Social Security taxes for many years; and  
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**Whereas**, the WEP causes hard-working people to lose up to sixty percent of the  
8 benefits they earned themselves; and  
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**Whereas**, many workers rely on misleading Social Security Administration  
11 statements that fail to take into account the GPO and WEP when projecting benefits; and  
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**Whereas**, the impact of the GPO and WEP is not just felt in those states in which  
14 public employees, including retired veterans, are not covered by Social Security, because people  
15 move from state to state and affected individuals are everywhere; and  
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**Whereas**, the GPO and WEP apply to Missouri retired veterans; and  
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**Whereas**, the number of people affected across the country is growing every day  
20 as more and more people reach retirement age; and  
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**Whereas**, some 300,000 individuals lose an average of \$3,600 a year due to the  
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24 GPO which can make the difference between self-sufficiency and poverty; and  
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26 **Whereas**, these people have less money to spend in their local economy and  
27 sometimes have to turn to expensive government programs like food stamps to make ends meet;  
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30 **Whereas**, the nation should respect, not penalize, public and military service; and  
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32 **Whereas**, the GPO and WEP are established in federal law and repeal of the GPO  
33 and WEP can only be enacted by the United States Congress:  
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35 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
36 Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
37 concurring therein, hereby urge the Congress of the United States to immediately repeal the  
38 Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act; and  
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40 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
41 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
42 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives  
43 and the members of the Missouri Congressional delegation.