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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to enact legislation to revise the Social Security Act to provide for the collection of retroactive child support payments and reimbursement for attorney fees for parents or government agencies attempting to collect such child support payments.

WHEREAS, the collection of past-due child support payments from deadbeat parents is an expensive, time-consuming, and difficult process, and

WHEREAS, many deadbeat parents receive payments under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 651 et seq., and

WHEREAS, payments for past-due child support and for attorney fees for the collection of past-due child support to parents or government agencies should be deducted from social security payments before social security payments are made, and

WHEREAS, the Social Security Act should be amended to permit the deduction of funds for the payment of past-due child support and reimbursement for attorney fees for the collection of past-due child support to parents or government agencies prior to the payment of social security funds to recipients, and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States would be doing a great service to many dependent children in this country by revising the Social Security Act to provide for the payment of past-due child support and reimbursement for attorney fees for the collection of past-due child support to parents or government agencies out of social security funds, NOW, THEREFORE,



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31 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
34 revise the Social Security Act to authorize the payment of past-
35 due child support payments and reimbursement of attorney fees to
36 parents or government agencies for the collection of past-due
37 child support from funds payable under the Social Security Act
38 prior to payment of such funds to social security recipients.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
40 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
41 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
42 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
43 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.