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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging
3 Congress to explore the feasibility of accessing pension
4 plans and retirement funds, both public and private, for
5 the purpose of collecting child support payments and
6 related costs and fees from moneys that would ordinarily
7 be payable only upon retirement.

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9 WHEREAS, the collection of child support from deadbeat
10 parents is an expensive, time-consuming, and difficult process,
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12 WHEREAS, past and current income from pension plans and
13 other retirement funds is considered income for purposes of
14 child support, and

15 WHEREAS, the state has the authority to use income
16 deduction orders to access this income, and

17 WHEREAS, many deadbeat parents are eligible to receive
18 income from pension plans and retirement funds, both public and
19 private, upon retirement, and

20 WHEREAS, income from moneys payable only upon retirement is
21 not currently accessible for the purpose of child support
22 payments and related costs and fees, and

23 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States would be doing a
24 great service to many dependent children in this country by
25 determining the feasibility of accessing pension plans and
26 retirement funds, both public and private, for the purpose of
27 collecting child support payments and related costs and fees
28 from moneys that would ordinarily be payable only upon
29 retirement, 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 determine the feasibility of accessing pension plans and
35 retirement funds, both public and private, for the purpose of
36 collecting child support obligations, to include all fees and
37 costs associated with such collections, from moneys that would
38 ordinarily be payable only upon retirement.

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.