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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS, MAY 5, 1993

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to enact legislation to address the
2 disparities in Social Security benefits for "Notch Year
3 Babies."

4 WHEREAS, In 1972 Congress changed the formula to calculate
5 Social Security benefits in order to provide for cost-of-living
6 increases. The formula used resulted in over-compensation, and
7 benefits increased by more than the rate of inflation; and

8 WHEREAS, Since this continued over-compensation would have
9 drained the Social Security funds, Congress amended the Social
10 Security Act benefits formula in 1977. Those who where born
11 between 1917 and 1921 were caught in the transition period and
12 were termed "Notch Year Babies." Those born after 1921 received
13 benefits under the new law; and

14 WHEREAS, The result was that those born between 1917 and 1921

1 received lower benefits than those born prior to 1917 and
2 slightly higher benefits than those born after 1921; and

3 WHEREAS, This is an important issue with many senior citizens
4 who are "Notch Year Babies"; and

5 WHEREAS, This method of compensation is inequitable to those
6 born after 1917; and

7 WHEREAS, Persons born after 1917 have served this country in
8 World War II and have contributed immeasurably to the growth and
9 development of America; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize
11 Congress to address and correct the inequities of Social
12 Security benefit payments for those born before 1917 and those
13 born after 1917; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
15 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
16 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.