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Expressing the sense of the Congress that any reform of the Social Security program not include mandatory coverage of State and local employees.

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Mr. GRAVES submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that any reform of the Social Security program not include mandatory coverage of State and local employees.

Whereas more than 5 million State and local government workers across the United States are exempt from paying Social Security taxes and instead participate in public pension plans outside Social Security;

Whereas these public pension plans wisely invest the pension assets to obtain the most favorable returns;

Whereas providing new hires that are forced to participate in Social Security with the same level of benefits as current employees would increase State and local government costs;

Whereas mandatory coverage would likely result in reduced contributions to the existing public pension plans;

Whereas reduced contributions to the current plans could adversely affect the return of the plan for current employees; and

Whereas these State and local government employees deserve to be secure in the knowledge that their coverage will not be affected against their will by Social Security reform measures: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
 2 *concurring)*, That no Social Security reform plan favorably  
 3 considered by the Congress should cause State and local  
 4 government employees covered under public pensions to be  
 5 forced into coverage under the old-age, survivors, and dis-  
 6 ability insurance program under title II of the Social Secu-  
 7 rity Act.

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