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S. RES. 363

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of Social Security
“notch babies”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment
of Social Security “notch babies”.

Whereas the Social Security Amendments of 1977, legislation designed to correct the Social Security benefit formula, resulted in a discrepancy in benefits—a “notch”—between individuals born in the years immediately following 1916 and other beneficiaries;

Whereas Senate legislation introduced in the 105th through 108th Congresses sought to correct the “notch baby” problem;

Whereas those born during the “notch” years are the same Americans who fought and sacrificed during World War II;

Whereas the “notch babies” who receive lower Social Security benefits than those individuals born between 1911 and 1916 are at the same time among the seniors hit hardest by rising health care costs; and

Whereas those affected by the “notch” are leaving us at a rapid rate, with the youngest “notch babies” now over 80 years old: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the sacrifice of those born in the
3 “notch” years of 1917 through 1926;

4 (2) recognizes the difference in Social Security
5 benefits calculated for those born in 1917 and the
6 years following, as compared with those born be-
7 tween 1911 and 1916;

8 (3) expresses regret that there has been no res-
9 olution to the satisfaction of the millions of seniors
10 born from 1917 through 1926; and

11 (4) should consider corrective legislation similar
12 to bills introduced in the Senate in the 105th
13 through 108th Congresses, to address the “notch”
14 benefit disparity.

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