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Expressing the sense of Congress that a Member of Congress should be treated to no special retirement benefits than those afforded to any employee of the Federal Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUTIERREZ submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a Member of Congress should be treated to no special retirement benefits than those afforded to any employee of the Federal Government.

Whereas action to resolve the Federal deficit is likely to cause economic hardship for all Americans;

Whereas most Members of this Congress have chosen public service for the sake of their community and the Nation rather than as a vehicle for personal profit;

Whereas many Americans employed in the private sector have grave concerns relating to the viability and continued payment rates of pension plans in which they and their colleagues are enrolled;

Whereas title 5 of the United States Code includes language relating to the benefits available to Federal employees, including Members of Congress and their staff; and

Whereas provisions set forth in said title and elsewhere may afford benefits to Members of Congress upon retirement, and to their spouses, that are not available to other Federal employees, and may be perceived as overly generous to the Members: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) steps be taken to examine whether a dispar-
4 ity exists between benefits available to Members of
5 Congress and those offered to other employees of the
6 Federal Government, with the intent of discovering
7 whether the retirement benefits available to Mem-
8 bers are more generous than those afforded to other
9 employees,

10 (2) hearings be conducted by the House Com-
11 mittee on Government Reform and Oversight in
12 order to review such findings,

13 (3) legislation be drafted that resolves such dif-
14 ferences by, in general, removing any privileges in
15 Federal retirement programs afforded exclusively to
16 Members and not available to other Federal employ-
17 ees, and

1 (4) that action be taken on this matter within
2 the first one hundred days of the One Hundred
3 Fourth Congress.

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