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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Social Security Trust Fund - Use for Child Support Payments**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States to authorize the use
4 of the Social Security Trust Fund to assist certain noncustodial parents in the
5 payment of their child support obligations and to provide for certain repayment
6 of moneys taken from the Fund or for deduction of certain benefits.

7 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is committed to assisting noncustodial
8 parents in their efforts to meet their financial obligations to their children; and

9 WHEREAS, The majority of noncustodial parents of the State of Maryland are
10 fully committed to meeting their financial obligations to their children; and

11 WHEREAS, An increasing number of noncustodial parents of the State of
12 Maryland are finding it more difficult to meet their financial obligations to their
13 children, in spite of their best efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is not in a financial position to absorb the
15 shortfalls experienced by noncustodial parents; and

16 WHEREAS, The Social Security Trust Fund is in a better financial position to
17 absorb the shortfalls that are being experienced by noncustodial parents; and

18 WHEREAS, The Social Security Trust Fund receives the earnings of certain
19 noncustodial parents, and distributes those funds to them upon retirement; and

20 WHEREAS, The Social Security Trust Fund may distribute those funds to
21 children for their care in the event of the injury or death of a parent; and

22 WHEREAS, The use of the Social Security Trust Fund to ease the financial
23 burdens of custodial parents, including many of the costs and penalties that are
24 associated with delinquent child support payments, would have a minimal, if any,
25 effect on the federal budget; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the**
27 **General Assembly urges Congress to allow the Social Security Trust Fund to be**
28 **accessed by certain low-income noncustodial parents to assist them in meeting their**

1 financial obligations to their children, and to provide that moneys taken from the
2 Social Security Trust Fund may either be repaid by the noncustodial parent or
3 deducted from the noncustodial parent's future benefits; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
6 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
7 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.