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112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of Congress that Social Security benefits should not be reduced.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ELLISON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Social Security provides essential financial support to 54.8 million people in the United States, including 35.1 million retired workers in the Nation;

Whereas Social Security provides modest benefits averaging \$14,000 per year for retired workers, based on contributions paid into Social Security over a worker's lifetime of employment;

Whereas Social Security can pay full benefits through 2035;

Whereas Social Security has no borrowing authority, currently has \$2.7 trillion in accumulated assets, and, there-

fore, does not contribute to the Federal budget deficit;
and

Whereas the citizens of the United States deserve thoughtful and fair Social Security reform to protect current and future benefits and to ensure ongoing retirement security for seniors, protections for persons who become disabled, and benefits for the young children and spouses of deceased and disabled workers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that appro-
3 priate reform to strengthen Social Security's long-term
4 outlook should happen in a bipartisan fashion and should
5 ensure that Social Security remains a critical source of
6 protection for the people of the United States and their
7 families without further increasing the retirement age or
8 otherwise decreasing benefits.