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3 **Resolution Against Cuts to the Social Security Administration**
4 **Budget for 2011**
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6 **WHEREAS** the Republican majority House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the budget for
7 fiscal year 2011, which among other things cuts the Social Security Administration (SSA)
8 budget by \$1.7 billion dollars; and
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10 **WHEREAS** the SSA estimates that a cut of this magnitude could force it to shut down for up to
11 a month; and
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13 **WHEREAS** benefit processing for 700,000 new retirees, widows, disabled workers and children
14 would be delayed, and nearly 8 million calls from current and future beneficiaries would go
15 unanswered ; and
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17 **WHEREAS** H.R 1 would cost tax payers money by eliminating funding devoted to catching
18 errors and overpayments; and
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20 **WHEREAS** the SSA budget is entirely unrelated to the deficit, as it is funded directly from the
21 Social Security Trust Fund and not from general revenues; and
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23 **WHEREAS** Representative Jim McDermott and 123 members of the house have written to
24 Speaker John Boehner protesting these cuts; and
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26 **WHEREAS** Senator Maria Cantwell has joined Senators Akaka, Blumenthal, Boxer, Sherrod
27 Brown, Harkin, Lautenberg, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Reed, Sanders, Schumer, Stabenow,
28 and Whitehouse to establish the Defend Social Security Caucus;
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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the ____ LD Democrats commend Senator Cantwell
31 and Representative McDermott for their strong stand in defense of Social Security; and
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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ____ LD Democrats call on he other
34 members of our Democratic congressional delegation to sign on to these initiatives; and
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36 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ____ LD Democrats call President
37 Obama to veto any budget proposal containing cuts to the SSA; and
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39 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the ____ LD Democrats will send
40 copies of this resolution to our Democratic members of Congress, President Obama, Senate
41 majority leader Harry Reid and House minority leader Nancy Pelosi.
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43 This Resolution was submitted to the 11th Legislative District Democrats for endorsement.