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### **A C O N C U R R E N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

To declare the State of Ohio's support of its	1
steelworkers in urging the President and the	2
Congress of the United States to ensure that the	3
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is fully	4
funded and properly administered to pay pension	5
benefits to retired steelworkers and their	6
spouses.	7

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, Steelworkers are vital to industry in the	8
Midwest and play an essential role in constructing and	9
reinforcing buildings, bridges, and other structures and in	10
producing products used by other manufacturing industries;	11
and	12

WHEREAS, Over the last thirty years the steel industry	13
has fallen on hard times, causing thousands of job losses and	14
numerous plant closings across the Midwest; and	15

WHEREAS, Steelworkers have negotiated contracts that 16  
sacrificed higher wages and other benefits in exchange for 17  
secure pension benefits; and 18

WHEREAS, Steelworkers were promised solvent pension 19  
plans with funds adequate to pay all benefits promised to 20  
them; and 21

WHEREAS, The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is a 22  
federal pension insurance program that pays pension benefits 23  
to retired workers, including steelworkers, whose employers 24  
are bankrupt and pension plans are underfunded; and 25

WHEREAS, There is a sense of urgency concerning the 26  
financial security of the Pension Benefit Guaranty 27  
Corporation because the economic downturn in 2008 caused an 28  
increased number of companies to go bankrupt, and as a 29  
result, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is paying 30  
pension benefits to more workers; and 31

WHEREAS, In 2009, the Government Accountability Office 32  
conducted a performance audit of the Pension Benefit Guaranty 33  
Corporation and recommended that the Corporation improve 34  
strategies on determining pension benefits in complex pension 35  
plans, minimize overpayments, improve communication with 36  
participants, and increase accessibility to the appeals 37  
process; now therefore be it 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 39  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, on behalf of all citizens of 40  
this state, support Ohio's steelworkers in urging the 41  
President and the Congress of the United States to ensure 42  
that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation is fully funded 43  
to pay pension benefits to retired steelworkers and their 44  
spouses and to ensure that the Corporation implements 45  
recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office 46  
on procedures for paying benefits to retired workers; and be 47

it further 48

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 49  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 50  
President of the United States, the President Pro Tempore of 51  
the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority Leaders 52  
of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the United 53  
States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of 54  
Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the 55  
United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the 56  
United States House of Representatives, each member of the 57  
Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio. 58