

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 737

By Representatives Gilmore, Shaw, Hardaway

and

Senators Burks, Crowe, Haynes, Kurita, Harper, Marrero

A RESOLUTION urging President George W. Bush and the United States Congress to adopt full funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide quality and accessible healthcare to veterans.

WHEREAS, George Washington declared, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country"; and

WHEREAS, when the United States military has been called upon to send forces into harm's way, our brave men and women in uniform have dutifully answered the call to service; and

WHEREAS, many of those who have served our nation are residents of the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, many veterans who have served with honor and dignity now find themselves without adequate medical care as a result of funding inequities; and

WHEREAS, it is unconscionable for us, as a nation, to ask our military personnel to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, and to subsequently provide them with substandard medical care upon their return home; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that all honorably discharged U.S. veterans have access to the very best medical care available is a small price to pay for the service these men and women give to our nation and the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to ensure that our veterans have access to appropriate health care; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are extremely proud of the courageous service of our men and women in uniform and believe it is incumbent upon our elected officials in Washington to ensure that our veterans are adequately cared for upon their return from duty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges President George W. Bush and the United States Congress to adopt full funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide quality and accessible healthcare to veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED: May 15, 2008



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: May 28, 2008



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