

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress of the United States to increase the
2 Veterans' Administration Medical Care Budget for fiscal year
3 2000 to \$20.3 billion.

4 WHEREAS, The Veterans' Administration hospitals were
5 established to provide quality health care to those who served
6 in defense of this nation; and

7 WHEREAS, We appreciate the service of American veterans in
8 defending our freedoms and protecting our security; and

9 WHEREAS, \$20.3 billion is needed for Veterans' Administration
10 health care in the 2000 Federal fiscal year; and

11 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has recently
12 approved a final budget resolution for fiscal year 2000 that
13 calls for a grossly inadequate increase for Veterans'

14 Administration health care funding; and

15 WHEREAS, The Veterans' Administration budget has been frozen
16 for three years at about \$17 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, The Veterans' Administration budget has not
18 accounted for inflation; and

1 WHEREAS, The Veterans' Administration budget is inadequate to
2 fund new and costly initiatives such as hepatitis C treatment;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Veterans' Administration budget is inadequate to
5 address increased health care issues created by the possibility
6 of chemical, biological and other unconventional warfare; and

7 WHEREAS, Unless an appropriation of at least \$20.3 billion is
8 authorized for fiscal year 2000, quality care for veterans
9 cannot be maintained; and

10 WHEREAS, The time is right to provide adequate funding for
11 veterans' health care; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
14 United States to increase the Veterans' Administration medical
15 care budget for fiscal year 2000 to \$20.3 billion.