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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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DeWEESE, JUNE 9, 1999

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JUNE 9, 1999

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## A RESOLUTION

1    Memorializing the Congress of the United States to increase the  
2        Veterans Affairs medical care budget for fiscal year 2000 to  
3        \$20.3 billion.

4        WHEREAS, The Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals were established  
5    to provide quality health care to those who served in defense of  
6    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 VA health care in the  
10   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 VA health care  
14   funding; and

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

1       WHEREAS, The VA budget has not accounted for inflation; and

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

4       WHEREAS, The VA budget is inadequate to address increased  
5 health care issues created by the possibility of chemical,  
6 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 Affairs medical care  
15 budget for fiscal year 2000 to \$20.3 billion.