

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 31

By: Shurden of the Senate

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution commending the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute; directing the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma to reject any plan privatizing the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for the administration of seven veterans centers including the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Ardmore Division; the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Claremore Division; the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Clinton Division; the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Norman Division; the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Sulphur Division; the Oklahoma Veterans Center, Talihina Division; and the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute in Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute, formerly known as the George Nigh Rehabilitation Center, was transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs on July 1, 1992, with the mission of serving the veterans of Oklahoma and other appropriate patients; and

WHEREAS, the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute is a multi-purpose inpatient and outpatient facility. The Institute is equipped to work with a wide variety of physically disabled individuals, including those with head injuries, spinal cord injuries, strokes, hip fractures, amputations and patients with neurologic and neuromuscular disorders. The Institute specializes

in physical rehabilitation services including occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech/language therapy as well as clinics specializing in orthotics and prosthetics; and

WHEREAS, the George Nigh Rehabilitation hospital is licensed for 48 beds. A special hospital based skilled nursing facility treats patients recovering from surgeries, burns, orthopedic conditions, or other conditions for those who are unable to participate in therapy at the rehabilitation hospital; and

WHEREAS, patients are referred to the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute from hospitals, worker's compensation, insurance companies, private physicians, individuals, state and private health care agencies, veteran's organizations or service officers, the Oklahoma City and Muskogee Veteran's Administration hospitals and the six Veterans Centers throughout the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute for their specialized treatment of those with special needs and for being the institution of choice for those requiring rehabilitation.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature directs the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma to reject any plan to privatize the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma and the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute.

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