

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 2

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution encouraging Congress to provide Medicare Part A and Part B to veterans; recognizing the number of Oklahoma veterans; recognizing the need for quality medical care for veterans; recognizing concerns with quality of care in the Veterans Affairs health care system; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, according the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 300,000 veterans are residents of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system has experienced growth in both the number of veterans served and the number of locations where services are provided in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the unique medical needs of veterans require a system where veterans can receive care without delay; and

WHEREAS, recent negative attention related to delays in care and insufficient staffing throughout the Veterans Affairs (VA) health care system have been a cause for concern throughout the veterans community; and

1 WHEREAS, countries that send their sons and daughters into
2 battle have a special obligation to plan for and provide the best
3 possible care for these veterans when they return home.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
5 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

6 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature encourages Congress to
7 approve legislation to provide Medicare Part A and Part B to all
8 veterans, and full medical coverage, with no deductibles, to wartime
9 veterans.

10 THAT the federal government considers reforms to the VA hospital
11 system including privatization to improve efficiency and quality of
12 care for veterans.

13 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to all members of
14 Oklahoma's congressional delegation.

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