

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Joint Memorial 2**

Printed pursuant to Senate Interim Rule 213.28 by order of the President of the Senate in conformance with pre-session filing rules, indicating neither advocacy nor opposition on the part of the President (at the request of Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski for Department of Veterans' Affairs)

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas veterans who have served our great nation have earned United States Department of Veterans Affairs health care benefits; and

Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs strives to provide quality health care to veterans through community-based outpatient clinics, medical centers and other medical facilities; and

Whereas locations of veterans' health care facilities are based upon veteran population in a particular area; and

Whereas many Oregon veterans reside in rural or remote areas of Oregon that do not have a large enough veteran population to meet the criteria for placing a veterans' health care facility in a particular area; and

Whereas Oregon veterans who reside in rural or remote areas must travel significant distances to access medical care; and

Whereas Oregon lacks a dependable statewide transportation system to transport veterans, particularly disabled veterans, to and from medical facilities, resulting in veterans being unable to access health care; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) That the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that creates a statewide transportation system in Oregon that would provide transportation for Oregon veterans, particularly disabled veterans, to and from medical facilities.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Senate March 3, 2009

---

Secretary of Senate

---

President of Senate

Adopted by House May 12, 2009

---

Speaker of House