

## Senate Joint Memorial 3

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### SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to enact legislation providing complete health care for all honorably discharged veterans and their dependents.

### JOINT MEMORIAL

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 in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer high rates of traumatic brain injuries and other debilitating injuries, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental health conditions; and

Whereas all veterans of this nation's Armed Forces deserve the best health care and services this country can offer; and

Whereas there is a backlog of claims in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and it can take months for veterans to receive needed medical treatment; and

Whereas the families of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan also sacrificed for this nation as they waited anxiously for their loved ones to return; 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 increases funding levels for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Health Administration to meet honorably discharged veterans' health care requirements and to enact legislation that provides universal health care access for all honorably discharged veterans and their families.

(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.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.