

Senate Joint Memorial 4

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to fund women veterans' mobile health care buses to provide health care to Oregon women veterans in their communities.

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-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration is charged with providing health care, including mental health care, to all eligible veterans, including women veterans; and

Whereas Oregon has more than 25,000 women veterans from all eras of service; and

Whereas more than 240,000 women veterans have served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas the department's health care system presents barriers to health care for women veterans; and

Whereas many women veterans in Oregon live in rural and remote parts of this state without reasonable access to health care provided by the department; and

Whereas no woman veteran should have to forgo earned medical benefits provided by the department due to physical or emotional barriers; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is urged to fund women veterans' mobile health care buses, staffed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs with trained physical and mental health professionals, that will travel throughout Oregon providing health care to women veterans in their communities.

(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.