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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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VETERANS: Memorializes congress to reject recommendations and support the continued
operation of the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reject
3 the recommendation to close the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center located
4 in Pineville, Louisiana, as recommended by the United States Department of
5 Veterans Affairs' report to the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission.
6 WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides inpatient
7 medical and surgical, inpatient mental health, community living centers, and outpatient
8 services to veterans in the surrounding area; and
9 WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center serves thousands of
10 veterans a year, including a potential population of more than one hundred thousand veterans
11 and an active patient roster of more than thirty-seven thousand veterans; and
12 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs recommends closing
13 the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center facility and relocating services to
14 community providers; and
15 WHEREAS, the closing of the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center will
16 leave veterans with fewer care options; and
17 WHEREAS, Alexandria and Central Louisiana have a long history of support for the
18 military and serve as an ideal location for veterans in surrounding communities to receive
19 treatment; and

1 WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a critical institution
2 that should remain operable to better serve the veterans of Louisiana.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reject the
5 report recommendations by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and support
6 the continued operation of the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United
9 States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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