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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

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

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1 WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a critical institution

- 2 that should remain operable to better serve the veterans of Louisiana.
- 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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