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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, CORMIER, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FISHER, GAINES, HARRIS, HORTON, ILLG, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, CHARLES OWEN, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, AND WHITE AND SENATORS BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CLOUD, CONNICK, FESI, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, JACKSON, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, WHITE, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reject the recommendation to close the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center located in Pineville, Louisiana, as recommended by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' report to the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission.

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center provides inpatient medical and surgical, inpatient mental health, community living centers, and outpatient services to veterans in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center serves thousands of veterans a year, including a potential population of more than one hundred thousand veterans and an active patient roster of more than thirty-seven thousand veterans; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs recommends closing the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center facility and relocating services to community providers; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Alexandria Veterans Affairs Medical Center will leave veterans with fewer care options; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria and Central Louisiana have a long history of support for the military and serve as an ideal location for veterans in surrounding communities to receive treatment; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE