

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

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2 BY KREIMAN, ANGELO, BEALL, BEHN, BLACK,  
3 BOETTGER, BOLKCOM, BRUNKHORST, CONNOLLY, COURTNEY,  
4 DANIELSON, DEARDEN, DOTZLER, DVORSKY, FRAISE, GASKILL,  
5 GRONSTAL, HAHN, HANCOCK, HATCH, HORN, HOUSER, IVERSON,  
6 JOHNSON, KETTERING, KIBBIE, LAMBERTI, LARSON, LUNDBY,  
7 MCCOY, MCKIBBEN, MCKINLEY, MILLER, MULDER, PUTNEY,  
8 QUIRMBACH, RAGAN, RIELLY, SCHOENJAHN, SENG, SEYMOUR,  
9 SHULL, STEWART, TINSMAN, WARD, WARNSTADT, WIECK, WOOD,  
10 ZAUN, and ZIEMAN  
11 A Resolution urging the United States Congress to take  
12 action to maintain the United States Veterans Medical  
13 Center at Knoxville.  
14 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans  
15 Affairs, as part of the Capital Asset Realignment for  
16 Enhanced Services (CARES) program, has decided to  
17 relocate nursing home and inpatient care from the  
18 United States Veterans Medical Center at Knoxville to  
19 Des Moines; and  
20 WHEREAS, for over 70 years the Knoxville facility  
21 has provided convenient and essential medical services  
22 to Iowa's veterans; and  
23 WHEREAS, the proposed cuts will adversely affect  
24 both veterans' services and will cost the Knoxville  
25 community hundreds of jobs; and  
26 WHEREAS, supporters of the Knoxville facility have  
27 collected approximately 28,000 signatures on petitions  
28 protesting the proposed cuts; and  
29 WHEREAS, at a time when more veterans are in need  
30 of access to quality health care than ever before, it

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1 is irresponsible to shut down facilities and cut  
2 services; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Iowa Senate  
4 urges the United States Congress to take action to  
5 preserve the Knoxville, Iowa, Veterans Medical Center  
6 and extend its vital mission of providing quality and  
7 accessible medical care to veterans; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
10 United States Senate and the Speaker of the United  
11 States House of Representatives and to members of  
12 Iowa's congressional delegation.

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