

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF VETERANS TIMELY ACCESS TO
HEALTH CARE ACT H.R. 241**

Whereas, Congress, on July 21, 1930, established the Veterans Administration, now the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), health care system and progressively increased its responsibilities to administer veterans' benefits; and

Whereas, This nation has a moral obligation to provide quality health care to those who protect our freedoms; and

Whereas, With the increase of our veteran population, the quality of comprehensive health care in our DVA facilities must be ethically sound and fulfill that moral obligation; and

Whereas, Reports have been made of negligence and improper care at several VA medical facilities including at the Phoenix VA Health Care System, the VA Fort Collins, Colorado Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic, the Williams Jennings Bryan Dorn Veterans Medical Center in Columbia, South Carolina and the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, and others, casting credible doubt on the VA's ability to meet that obligation and has shamefully deprived veterans of needed healthcare; now, be it

Resolved, That the Hawai'i Republican Party in convention at Honolulu, Hawaii, May 17, 2014, urges the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to investigate the reports, the circumstances surrounding them, and the timely and adequate care for our veterans; and

Resolved, That immediate action be taken to ensure our Veterans receive proper and swift remedies to supply the necessary and appropriate medical and psychological treatment and to hold accountable any and all who presided over this unethical and alarming mismanagement of care; and

Resolved, The Hawai'i Republican Party supports the immediate passing of H.R. 241 Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act (Introduced in House 01/14/2013) Directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that the standard for access to care for a veteran seeking hospital care and medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is 30 days from the date the veteran contacts the VA; Directs the Secretary to periodically review the performance of VA medical facilities in meeting such standards; and Requires quarterly reports from the Secretary to the congressional veterans' committees on the VA's experience with respect to appointment waiting times; and, be it finally

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be posted on the Hawai'i Republican Party website, be distributed to Republican members of Congress, the Secretary of Defense, Hawai'i elected officials, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and media for public dissemination.