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H.J.R. No. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the  
2 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal  
3 agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley  
4 region of the state.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 73. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission and the  
9 Department of State Health Services shall work with the United  
10 States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate  
11 federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a  
12 veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

13 (b) The state may contribute money, property, and other  
14 resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a  
15 veterans hospital described by this section.

16 SECTION 2. The constitutional amendment proposed by this  
17 resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be  
18 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting  
19 for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to  
20 require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans  
21 Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital  
22 in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state."