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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. SECTION 1.01. Article XVI, Texas Constitution,
7 is amended by adding Section 73 to read as follows:

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

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

17 SECTION 1.02. The constitutional amendment proposed by this
18 article shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held
19 November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for
20 or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to
21 require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans
22 Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital
23 in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state."