

1-1 By: Flores, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.J.R. No. 7
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2009;
1-3 May 15, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 21, 2009, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 21, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1-8 proposing a constitutional amendment to require partnering with the
1-9 United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal
1-10 agencies to establish a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley
1-11 region of the state.

1-12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 73 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 73. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission and the
1-16 Department of State Health Services shall work with the United
1-17 States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate
1-18 federal agency to propose that the federal government establish a
1-19 veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state.

1-20 (b) The state may contribute money, property, and other
1-21 resources to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a
1-22 veterans hospital described by this section.

1-23 SECTION 2. The constitutional amendment proposed by this
1-24 resolution shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be
1-25 held November 3, 2009. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting
1-26 for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to
1-27 require partnering with the United States Department of Veterans
1-28 Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital
1-29 in the Rio Grande Valley region of the state."

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