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S.R. No. 416

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, El Paso is one of the largest cities in the Southwest
2 and home to Fort Bliss, and the veterans in El Paso contribute
3 significantly to the vitality of the community; and

4 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso has great need for a veterans'
5 hospital; there are approximately 48,000 veterans within the
6 tri-state area that encompasses El Paso County, and many of these
7 veterans lack access to doctors, surgeons, and medical specialists;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, area veterans in need of treatment for a
10 special medical problem must travel in state to Lubbock, Waco, or
11 San Antonio, or out of state to Albuquerque, New Mexico, or Arizona;
12 many veterans do not have the means to make such trips and thus do
13 not receive medical attention; and

14 WHEREAS, With Fort Bliss continuing to draw soldiers to the
15 area and numerous veterans choosing to make El Paso and its environs
16 their permanent home, a veterans' hospital in the city is an
17 essential need; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 81st Texas Legislature
19 hereby support the establishment of a veterans' hospital in the
20 city of El Paso; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate forward an
22 official copy of this resolution to the secretary of the U.S.
23 Department of Veterans Affairs.