

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.R. No. 416
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 17, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 17, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, El Paso is one of the largest cities in the Southwest
1-8 and home to Fort Bliss, and the veterans in El Paso contribute
1-9 significantly to the vitality of the community; and

1-10 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso has great need for a veterans'
1-11 hospital; there are approximately 48,000 veterans within the
1-12 tri-state area that encompasses El Paso County, and many of these
1-13 veterans lack access to doctors, surgeons, and medical specialists;
1-14 and

1-15 WHEREAS, Currently, area veterans in need of treatment for a
1-16 special medical problem must travel in state to Lubbock, Waco, or
1-17 San Antonio, or out of state to Albuquerque, New Mexico, or Arizona;
1-18 many veterans do not have the means to make such trips and thus do
1-19 not receive medical attention; and

1-20 WHEREAS, With Fort Bliss continuing to draw soldiers to the
1-21 area and numerous veterans choosing to make El Paso and its environs
1-22 their permanent home, a veterans' hospital in the city is an
1-23 essential need; now, therefore, be it

1-24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st
1-25 Legislature, hereby support the establishment of a veterans'
1-26 hospital in the city of El Paso; and, be it further

1-27 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate forward an
1-28 official copy of this Resolution to the secretary of the United
1-29 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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