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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Currently only five Veterans Administration
3 hospitals operate in Illinois, including the Jesse Brown VA
4 Medical Center in Chicago, the VA Illiana Health Care System in
5 Danville, the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, the
6 Marion VA Medical Center in Marion, and the North Chicago VA
7 Medical Center in North Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, An additional 14 outpatient clinics serve
9 Illinois veterans, including the Aurora Clinic, the Auburn
10 Gresham and Lakeside clinics in Chicago, the Chicago Heights
11 Clinic, the Elgin Clinic, the Evanston Clinic, the Freeport
12 Clinic, the Oak Park Clinic in Hines, the Joliet Clinic, the
13 LaSalle Clinic, the Manteno Clinic, the McHenry Clinic, the Oak
14 Lawn Clinic, and the Rockford Clinic; and

15 WHEREAS, Only eight community-based outpatient clinics
16 serve the remainder of Illinois veterans, including the
17 Belleville Clinic, the Decatur VA Outpatient Clinic, the
18 Effingham Community Based Outpatient Clinic, the Galesburg VA
19 Clinic, the Mt. Vernon Community Based Outpatient Clinic, the
20 Bob Michel VA Outpatient Clinic in Peoria, the Quincy VA
21 Clinic, and the Springfield VA Outpatient Clinic; and

22 WHEREAS, Our nation's veterans deserve to expect that their

1 post-service needs will be addressed, particularly when
2 involving their health and welfare; and, moreover, in tough
3 economic times it is especially important to avoid budget cuts
4 affecting the quality of care our veterans receive; and

5 WHEREAS, While grateful for the medical facilities already
6 located throughout Illinois, veterans of this State express
7 concerns regarding the lack of a centrally located Veterans
8 Administration hospital in the State; and the Director of the
9 Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs agrees, citing that no
10 medical facility for our State's veterans in the central part
11 of Illinois is a problem; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 urge Congress to promulgate the establishment of a Central
15 Illinois VA hospital in Peoria; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the Honorable Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of the
18 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and to each member of the
19 Illinois congressional delegation.