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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

Traumatic brain injury treatments.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation  
2 and requesting that the Veteran's Administration work to  
3 expand and improve efforts to treat traumatic brain injuries  
4 and post-traumatic stress disorder.

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6 WHEREAS, national veteran suicide crises data indicates that  
7 as many as twenty-two (22) veterans commit suicide every day;  
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10 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) and post-traumatic  
11 stress disorder (PTSD) can be causes of suicide; and

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1 WHEREAS, data collected from 2000 to 2019 Department of  
2 Defense numbers for TBI worldwide for Active, Guard and  
3 Reserve members in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, for  
4 all severities of TBI, total 413,858 service members; and

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6 WHEREAS, the number of veterans with PTSD varies by service  
7 era but ranges from about eleven percent (11%) to about thirty  
8 percent (30%); and

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10 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress  
11 disorder both involve physical injury to brain tissue; and

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13 WHEREAS, current standards of care approved for veterans for  
14 traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder  
15 focus on medication and counseling; and

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17 WHEREAS, additional treatments, vocational counseling and  
18 rehabilitation therapies exist that have been clinically  
19 proven to mitigate symptoms and improve recovery when used  
20 alone or integrated with counseling. Additional therapies to  
21 treat traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress  
22 disorder include physical therapy, occupational therapy,

1 cognitive therapy, speech therapy and hyperbaric oxygen  
2 therapy; and

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4 WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy couples hyperbaric oxygen  
5 chamber treatment, which promotes oxygen for healing and  
6 restoring injured brain tissue, together with counseling; and

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8 WHEREAS, access to a variety of treatments improves a  
9 veteran's opportunities for healing and recovery; and

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11 WHEREAS, the TBI and PTSD Treatment Act (2019 S. 2504/H.R.  
12 4370) will require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to  
13 furnish hyperbaric oxygen therapy to a veteran suffering from  
14 traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
17 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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19 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming Legislature requests that  
20 Congress swiftly enact legislation providing for veterans'  
21 access to treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-  
22 traumatic stress disorder that include hyperbaric oxygen  
23 therapy, such as the TBI and PTSD Treatment Act and any other

1 legislation improving or authoring access to other important  
2 therapies and counseling and legislation fostering research  
3 and development of additional therapies.

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5       **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
6 transmit copies of this resolution to the Wyoming  
7 Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the United  
8 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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