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Williams, Antonio, Murray, Bubp, Gardner, Hottinger, Reece, Fende,
Stinziano, Ruhl, Hagan, R., Gerberry, Lundy, Celebrezze, Lynch**

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the Congress of the United States to 1
appropriate funds for the telemedical diagnosis 2
and treatment of traumatic brain injury in 3
military service members and veterans at United 4
States Department of Veterans Affairs medical 5
facilities. 6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, Traumatic brain injury is an injury to the brain 7
from an external force that may lead to the temporary or permanent 8
impairment of the patient's cognitive, behavioral, or physical 9
functions; and 10

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces Health Surveillance 11
Center reports that more than 233,000 members of the United States 12
military have suffered traumatic brain injuries since 2000; and 13

WHEREAS, Many traumatic brain injuries in military service 14
members and veterans may remain undiagnosed; and 15

WHEREAS, A specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation 16
is required to diagnose and treat traumatic brain injury; and 17

WHEREAS, Many Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities lack the resources to provide military service members and veterans with sufficient access to physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists; and

WHEREAS, The installation of video teleconference systems in 200 Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities would provide military service members and veterans with timely and cost-effective access to physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists for the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, The Operation Resurrection program proposed by The Resurrecting Lives Foundation would provide the necessary video teleconference equipment and physical medicine and rehabilitation specialists to diagnose and treat traumatic brain injury in military service members and veterans; training for Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility staff in the treatment of traumatic brain injury; a national database to record treatments, outcomes, and best practices for treating traumatic brain injury in military service members and veterans; and educational materials about traumatic brain injury for military service members, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Resurrecting Lives Foundation estimates a total cost for the Operation Resurrection program of \$12.18 million for the first year and a subsequent annual cost of \$9.65 million; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds for the Operation Resurrection program to facilitate the telemedical diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in military service members and veterans at United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	50
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	51
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,	52
to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States	53
Senate, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and	54
to the news media of Ohio.	55