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## 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 18  
facilities lack the resources to provide military service members 19  
and veterans with sufficient access to physical medicine and 20  
rehabilitation specialists; and 21

WHEREAS, The installation of video teleconference systems in 22  
200 Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities would 23  
provide military service members and veterans with timely and 24  
cost-effective access to physical medicine and rehabilitation 25  
specialists for the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain 26  
injury; and 27

WHEREAS, The Operation Resurrection program proposed by The 28  
Resurrecting Lives Foundation would provide the necessary video 29  
teleconference equipment and physical medicine and rehabilitation 30  
specialists to diagnose and treat traumatic brain injury in 31  
military service members and veterans; training for Department of 32  
Veterans Affairs medical facility staff in the treatment of 33  
traumatic brain injury; a national database to record treatments, 34  
outcomes, and best practices for treating traumatic brain injury 35  
in military service members and veterans; and educational 36  
materials about traumatic brain injury for military service 37  
members, veterans, and their families; and 38

WHEREAS, The Resurrecting Lives Foundation estimates a total 39  
cost for the Operation Resurrection program of \$12.18 million for 40  
the first year and a subsequent annual cost of \$9.65 million; now 41  
therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 129th General Assembly 43  
of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to 44  
appropriate funds for the Operation Resurrection program to 45  
facilitate the telemedical diagnosis and treatment of traumatic 46  
brain injury in military service members and veterans at United 47

States Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities; and be 48  
it further 49

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