

Resolution No. 601

ADEQUATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET

WHEREAS, there are about 20 million living veterans; and

WHEREAS, more than 3.3 million men and women have served in support of the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, VA anticipates that enrollment in the Veterans Health Administration will grow to nearly 9.5 million veterans and more than 8.76 million of those veterans will be seen by VA for health care service; and

WHEREAS, veterans use VA for numerous other benefit programs including nearly 1 million veterans in education programs, over 132,000 veterans enrolled in Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, nearly 3 million home loan participants, and over 6 million insurance policies worth more than \$1 trillion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of conditions that veterans which receive VA health for care will add demands to the system for years to come; and

WHEREAS, even though appropriations for VA continue to increase, they have not kept pace with demand and the rate of inflation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we urge the Congress of the United States authorize appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs which fully fund and maintain the integrity and enhancement of veteran entitlement programs and health care system.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief
To Committee on VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS