

Resolution No. 608

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, since 2000, 370,688 service members have sustained Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) including those who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, veterans with blast injuries, blunt trauma, motor vehicle accidents, and falls are at risk for TBI which often goes unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, even patients with mild TBI (mTBI) may have long-term health consequences; and

WHEREAS, veterans with severe TBI require a lifetime of intensive services to care for their injuries, yet many VA medical facilities are neither properly staffed nor equipped to provide the necessary screening and comprehensive health care services veterans suffering from TBI require; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we urge Congress to provide sufficient funding to the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that appropriate screening, diagnostic services, treatment and life-long case management services are available to every veteran suffering from conditions associated with blast injuries, blunt trauma, motor vehicle accidents, and falls are at risk for TBI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve research pertaining to screening methods, diagnostic tools, and treatment of conditions associated with blast injuries, blunt trauma, motor vehicle accidents, and falls are at risk for TBI to ensure veterans who have experienced a TBI receive effective health care.

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