



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 45

April 9, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SHERMAN, BOYLE, MUSSER, COGGS, MILLER, SERATTI, RYBA, SYKORA, TURNER, PLOUFF, KREUSER, HAHN, BERCEAU and PETTIS, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, ZIEN and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to not reduce the number of beds for intensive
2 care and surgery at the Veteran’s Administration’s Medical Center at Iron
3 Mountain, Michigan.

4 Whereas, many of the veterans in northeast Wisconsin rely on the Veteran’s
5 Administration’s Medical Center at Iron Mountain, Michigan, for intensive care and
6 surgery; and

7 Whereas, the beds at the center are always full, in spite of the fact that at least
8 40% of the patients are from at least 70 miles away from the center; and

9 Whereas, the Veteran’s Administration is planning to eliminate 9 of the 17 beds
10 at the center, and to convert the space to a monitored and acute stabilization unit;
11 and

12 Whereas, seriously ill patients will be forced to be transported to Milwaukee,
13 which is 220 to 440 miles away, thereby separating them from their family and
14 friends at a critical time in their lives and subjecting them to additional health risks;
15 and

1 Whereas, this reduction in beds represents a drastic decrease in the health
2 services available to seriously ill veterans who unselfishly served America in its
3 times of need; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
5 legislature urges Congress to not reduce the number of beds for intensive care and
6 surgery at the Veteran’s Administration’s Medical Center at Iron Mountain,
7 Michigan; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to the President of the United States, to the president and secretary of the
10 U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives and to each
11 member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this
12 joint resolution by the 1999 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

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(END)