## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

# Introduced by Pavlovich, et al.

1/22	Introduced
1/22	Referred to State Administration
1/22	First Reading
2/02	Hearing
2/03	Committee ReportBill Passed
2/06	2nd Reading Passed
2/09	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to Senate
2/11	First Reading
2/11	Referred to Public Health, Welfare & Safety
3/12	Hearing
3/26	Committee ReportBill Concurred
3/27	2nd Reading Concurred
3/29	3rd Reading Concurred
	Returned to House
4/06	Signed by Speaker
4/07	Signed by President
1/12	Filed with Secretary of State

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5	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING IMMEDIATE
6	CONSTRUCTION OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES AT THE VETERANS'
7	CENTER AT FORT HARRISON, MONTANA.
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9	WHEREAS, the population of elderly citizens of the
10	United States is growing steadily, and this growth is
11	reflected in the increased number of aged veterans of
12	military service; and
13	WHEREAS, the State of Montana sent more of its citizens
14	per capita into military service during World War I, World
15	War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War than any
16	other state; and
17	WHEREAS, the need for care for elderly citizens,
18	including veterans, is an ever more urgent concern that is
19	particularly manifested in the increasing need among
20	veterans, because of their advancing age, for nursing home
21	beds: and

WHEREAS, the 26 nursing home beds in the Veterans'

Center at Miles City are the only nursing home beds

available in Montana to answer the needs of the 108,000

veterans who live in Montana; and

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facilities within 500 miles of the Veterans' Center at Fort Harrison, Montana; and WHEREAS, in July 1980, 361 additional veterans in 65 towns and cities in the Veterans' Medical and Regional Office Center's Catchment Area were identified by name, address, and diagnosis for which the veteran required nursing home care; and WHEREAS, this deplorable lack of nursing home beds has been ignored by federal officials for the past 33 years, and the situation is acute, disgraceful, and costly; and WHEREAS, responsible federal officials of the veterans' central office have ignored the need for additional nursing home beds and have delayed the commencement of construction at the Veterans' Center at Fort Harrison, Montana, of nursing home facilities, which construction was first scheduled to begin in 1979 and has since been postponed approximately six times, with the latest target date having been 1992 or some time in the future; and WHEREAS, more than 50% of Montana's veterans reside

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation, the presiding officers of the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and the Governor of the State of Montana.

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	facilities within 500 miles of the Veterans' Center at Fort
	Harrison, Montana; and
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5	War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War than any
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23	Center at Miles City are the only nursing home beds
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4	WHEREAS, in July 1980, 361 additional veterans in 69
5	towns and cities in the Veterans' Medical and Regional
6	Office Center's Catchment Area were identified by name,
7	address, and diagnosis for which the veteran required
8	nursing home care; and
9	WHEREAS, this deplorable lack of nursing home beds has
10	been ignored by federal officials for the past 33 years, and
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13	central office have ignored the need for additional nursing
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