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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, In recent weeks, it has become known that the  
3 United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Phoenix Veterans  
4 Affairs Health Care System had a secret wait list of up to  
5 1,600 veterans waiting to receive an appointment for care at  
6 that facility; and

7           WHEREAS, As a result of the delay in care, at least 40  
8 United States veterans have died while waiting for appointments  
9 at the Phoenix facility; and

10           WHEREAS, Since the revelation of the delay of care in  
11 Phoenix, the number of Veterans Affairs' facilities under  
12 investigation has expanded to 26 around the country; and

13           WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to the Edward Hines,  
14 Jr. Veterans Administration Hospital, which provides health  
15 care services to veterans in the Chicagoland area; and

16           WHEREAS, Federal auditors have visited Hines Hospital in  
17 recent days amid allegations that patients at Hines Hospital  
18 were kept on secret wait lists in order for executives to  
19 collect bonuses linked to meeting standards for speedy  
20 treatment; and

1           WHEREAS, President Obama has vowed to fix whatever is wrong  
2           at the Department of Veterans Affairs and promised to hold  
3           those involved accountable; and

4           WHEREAS, Congress has the appropriate role to provide  
5           oversight to federal agencies throughout the federal  
6           government and enact legislation to ensure all veterans at VA  
7           hospitals are provided with health care in a timely manner;  
8           therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10          NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11          we urge the Obama administration and the Congress of the United  
12          States to come to a quick resolution to the scandal within the  
13          Veterans Administration to ensure that every veteran is  
14          afforded the health care they so rightly deserve; and be it  
15          further

16          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17          delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker  
18          and Minority Leader of the United States House of  
19          Representatives, the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the  
20          United States Senate, and the members of the Illinois  
21          congressional delegation.