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H. CON. RES. 413

Expressing the sense of Congress concerning cooperation between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense in the procurement of medical items.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EVERETT (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress concerning cooperation between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense in the procurement of medical items.

Whereas the procurement and distribution of medical items, including prescription drugs, is a multibillion-dollar annual business for both the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas those departments prescribe common high-use drugs to many of their 12,000,000 patients who have similar medical profiles;

Whereas the health care systems of those departments should have management systems that can share and communicate clinical and management information useful for both systems;

Whereas the institutional barriers separating the two departments have begun to be overcome in the area of medical supplies, in part as a response to recommendations by the General Accounting Office and the Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance; and

Whereas there is significant potential for improved savings and services by improving cooperation between the two departments in the procurement and management of prescription drugs, while remaining mindful that the two departments have different missions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
 3 Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans
 4 Affairs should increase, to the maximum extent consistent
 5 with their respective missions, their level of cooperation
 6 in the procurement and management of prescription
 7 drugs.

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