

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5031

By Representative Alcalá

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to provide sufficient
2 funding for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in order
3 to reduce the current backlog and provide prompt awarding and
4 payment of deserved disability benefits to United States veterans.

5 WHEREAS, There are currently over 233,000 veterans in Kansas; and
6 WHEREAS, Currently, over 4,000 Kansas veterans are waiting to
7 receive their disability ratings; and

8 WHEREAS, Over 2,000 veterans have been waiting for more than
9 125 days; and

10 WHEREAS, The average wait time to get a response from the United
11 States Department of Veterans Affairs regarding a disability
12 compensation claim in Kansas is more than 150 days; and

13 WHEREAS, Veterans from Kansas and the rest of the United States
14 have fought bravely and selflessly for their state and country; and

15 WHEREAS, It is unacceptable that veterans are not promptly
16 receiving the attention and compensation that they are entitled to: Now,
17 therefore,

18 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
19 *the Senate concurring therein:* That the Congress of the United States is
20 urged to provide sufficient funding for the United States Department of
21 Veterans Affairs in order to reduce the current backlog and provide
22 prompt awarding and payment of deserved disability benefits to United
23 States veterans; and

24 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
25 enrolled copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama and to each
26 member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.