

House Resolution 415

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Lakly of the 72nd, Freeman of the 140th, Warren of the 122nd, Smith of the 168th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to oppose current budget proposals which would be damaging to Georgia
2 veterans who depend on the state veterans homes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the federal budget proposal for fiscal year 2006 for the federal Department of
4 Veterans Affairs contains proposed changes having the goal of refocusing veterans medical
5 services in such a manner as to exclude from care many veterans now receiving these
6 services and who will continue to need them in the coming years; and

7 WHEREAS, although the budget proposal professes that current patients receiving nursing
8 home care will continue to receive care until discharge, in fact there are no plans to provide
9 for such continuing care; and

10 WHEREAS, if the budget proposal is adopted as proposed, the veterans now receiving care
11 face eviction from the veterans homes, and many will be turned out into the street or
12 encounter other situations where their needs will not be met; and

13 WHEREAS, the image of placing veterans in situations that may cause them to undergo
14 homelessness and poverty is disgraceful, and the idea of veterans with ambulatory
15 Alzheimer's disease living in nonsecure locations where they may become victims of crime,
16 vehicle accidents, exposure to the elements, and similar catastrophes is scandalous; and

17 WHEREAS, these veterans gave a part of their lives, often a large part, so we can live in
18 opulence, and the least we can do is care for them in their time of need.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body urge the United States Congress to amend the budgetary provisions
21 that would be so damaging to the most needy of our veterans.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional
3 Delegation.