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**House Joint Memorial 25**

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

To the President of the United States, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the continued existence of our nation as well as what has become known as the "American way of life" depend on this nation's success in defending against its enemies at home and abroad; and

Whereas members of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard, the reserves and each state's National Guard have performed admirably in defense of this nation; and

Whereas a grateful nation cares for and bestows benefits upon veterans to whom this nation owes its present prosperity and continued existence; and

Whereas veterans' benefits include education, health care, pensions and disability payments; and

Whereas the provision of disability payments is especially important as this nation's partial compensation to the veterans whose lives have been impaired by the service they provided to their country; and

Whereas veterans are provided pensions at retirement or other times of need; and

Whereas it has been the practice of the federal government to subtract the amount of a disability payment from the amount of the pension amount owed to a veteran, in effect forcing veterans to fund their own disability; and

Whereas recent federal legislation addressed only part of the disparity created by this practice and spread the elimination of the disparity over a time span of several years; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to eliminate, as soon as possible, the practice of subtracting disability payments from pension amounts due to disabled veterans, regardless of level of disability.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House May 19, 2005

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Chief Clerk of House

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Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate July 1, 2005

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President of Senate