

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1071

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution urging the Oklahoma Attorney General to
10 order an investigation by the Oklahoma State Bureau
11 of Investigation of Oklahoma veteran centers; and
12 directing distribution.

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma veteran nursing homes have been unpardonably
14 mismanaged and provided unethical treatment to our honorable
15 veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, within the last several years, state veteran nursing
17 homes have been cited with multiple violations of state standards
18 for nursing homes; and

19 WHEREAS, most recently the Oklahoma State Department of Health
20 investigated Oklahoma Veterans Center of Norman on April 11, 2016,
21 relating to complaints that the facility failed to thoroughly
22 investigate an allegation of neglect made by a resident concerning
23 care; and
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1 WHEREAS, through their investigation, the Oklahoma State
2 Department of Health found evidence to substantiate the claim for
3 failing to thoroughly investigate an allegation of neglect while
4 additional deficiencies were also cited relating to the facility
5 failing to follow a physician's order regarding care of a resident;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the pattern of neglect, physical and emotional abuse
8 and mistreatment of veterans at the veterans centers in Oklahoma
9 must stop.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the House of Representatives hereby urges the Attorney
13 General of the State of Oklahoma to order an investigation by the
14 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation of all veteran centers under
15 the authority of the Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs for
16 unresolved and ongoing failure to protect veteran residents in
17 Oklahoma;

18 THAT, copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
19 Attorney General, the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of
20 Investigation and members of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission.

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22 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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