

1 **Regarding Exploring Use and Incorporation**
2 **of Residential Habilitation Center Property for Research**
3 **into and Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**
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5 **WHEREAS** the US Department of Defense has estimated the number of Operation
6 Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans with combat-related traumatic
7 brain injury (TBI) could reach 360,000; and
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9 **WHEREAS** while more than \$1 billion has been committed to fund academic research,
10 almost eight years after the start of the war on terrorism, neither the Department of
11 Veterans Affairs nor the Department of Defense has discovered, much less fielded, a
12 treatment regimen or protocol that provides timely, assured relief for the disabling
13 effects of this "signature injury";
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats hereby
16 support exploring the use and incorporation of Residential Habilitation Center (RHC)
17 Property in the State of Washington for Research into and Treatment of Traumatic Brain
18 Injury (TBI), alongside and in harmony with the RHCs' current use; and
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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC Chair (or the Chair's
21 designee) shall send a copy of this resolution communicating its approval by the
22 WSDCC to each member of the congressional delegation representing the State of
23 Washington by electronic mail.
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26 Submitted by the Disabilities Issues Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central
27 Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date
28 Submitted 9/26/2009)
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30 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at
31 its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.
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33 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla
34 Walla.