

Amendment to HR 8

1 Amend the resolving clause of the resolution to read as follows:

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3 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

4 That the New Hampshire house of representatives respectfully urges the Congress of the United  
5 States, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to  
6 investigate whether opioids, benzodiazepines, exposure to agent orange, insecticides,  
7 pyridostigmine bromide, and nerve agents including, but not limited to, sarin and cyclosarin, as well  
8 as vaccines administered to military personnel such as Mefloquine, and constant, long term stress  
9 from service in the theater of operations are contributing to the high number of suicides by veteran  
10 members of the armed forces and whether veteran members of the armed forces who seek treatment  
11 for conditions that cause pain should receive alternative treatments such as chiropractic, physical  
12 therapy, occupational therapy, acupuncture, massage therapy, and/or osteopathic manipulation  
13 before receiving prescriptions for opioids; and

14 That the house clerk forward official copies of this resolution to the President of the  
15 United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the  
16 United States Senate, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to all the  
17 members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation with the request that this resolution be  
18 officially entered in the Congressional Record as a high priority for the Congress of the United States  
19 of America.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This resolution requests that the United States Congress, the Department of Defense, and the Veterans Administration continue to investigate whether opioids, benzodiazepines, and exposure to agent orange contribute to a higher rate of suicides by veteran members of the armed forces and whether veterans who seek treatment for conditions that cause pain should receive alternative treatments before receiving prescriptions for opioids.