

As Introduced

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H. C. R. No. 27

Representative Johnson

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To support the use of state owned land in Chillicothe for
a new Veterans Administration National cemetery.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, In 1917, following the United States entry into
World War I, Chillicothe, Ohio, was selected as the site for
training soldiers from Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and
Ohio. The camp was named Camp Sherman in honor of Civil War
General William Tecumseh Sherman who hailed from nearby
Lancaster. It would become the third largest training center in
the United States with over 40,000 soldiers stationed there; and

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WHEREAS, Camp Sherman consisted of over 2,000 buildings,
including the camp hospital complex, which contained over 50
buildings with a capacity of over 1,800 patients; and

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WHEREAS, Following the war, some buildings were transferred
from the Army to the Veterans Bureau, and Chillicothe became the
site of the first hospital operated by the Veterans Bureau; and

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WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
currently operates the Chillicothe VA Medical Center; and

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WHEREAS, Land owned by the State of Ohio, to the north and
to the west of the Veterans Administration facility in
Chillicothe, promises to be a suitable and appropriate location

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for a veterans cemetery; and	21
WHEREAS, The National Cemetery Administration of the	22
Department of Veterans Affairs currently maintains and operates	23
156 national cemeteries; now therefore be it	24
RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General	25
Assembly of the State of Ohio support the use of state-owned	26
land in Chillicothe for a new national cemetery site; and be it	27
further	28
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	30
Governor, to the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to	31
the members of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and	32
Memorials (ACCM) of the National Cemetery Association, and to	33
the news media of Ohio.	34