

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CON-  
3 GRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE  
4 STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of  
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth  
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, federal law requires that veterans injured or disabled in the  
9 line of duty be entitled to compensation; and

10 WHEREAS, many veterans have been injured or disabled in ways that affect  
11 their ability to have children; and

12 WHEREAS, in vitro fertilization (IVF) was previously a covered benefit  
13 for veterans with a service-connected disability resulting in the inabil-  
14 ity to procreate without the use of fertility treatment, pursuant to 38 CFR  
15 17.380; and

16 WHEREAS, IVF was also a covered benefit for the spouse of a veteran with  
17 a service-connected disability resulting in the inability to procreate,  
18 pursuant to 38 CFR 17.412; and

19 WHEREAS, the IVF benefit for veterans and their spouses expired on  
20 September 30, 2018; and

21 WHEREAS, IVF is the most successful fertility treatment in use today;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, intrauterine insemination (IUI), another successful form of  
24 fertility treatment, is not currently a covered benefit for veterans or  
25 their spouses; and

26 WHEREAS, both IVF and IUI may help disabled veterans and their spouses  
27 procreate when the veteran's service-related disability would otherwise  
28 prevent them; and

29 WHEREAS, it is the strong belief of your Memorialists that family life  
30 is of the utmost importance; and

31 WHEREAS, it is likewise the strong belief of your Memorialists that  
32 those who serve our nation in the armed forces should not lose their ability  
33 to have children when it is within our nation's capacity to assist them.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
35 sion of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives  
36 and the Senate concurring therein, that we request that Congress enact leg-  
37 islation establishing IVF and IUI as covered benefits for veterans with a  
38 service-connected disability resulting in an inability to procreate without  
39 the use of fertility treatment.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request that Congress provide that IVF  
41 and IUI shall be made available to the spouses of such veterans.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-  
43 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this

1 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives of Congress, and to the congressional delegation representing  
3 the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.