

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011  
(Representatives K. Anderson, Frelich, Meier, Pyle, M. Ruby, Tveit, Weisz, Maki)  
(Senators Meyer, Paulson, Wobbema, Van Oosting)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy.

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates between 1.6 million to 3.8 million concussions occur each year; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts must be made to reduce the risk and health care costs for the country, veterans, and others with brain injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans injured in the line of duty deserve the best treatment our nation can offer; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans suffering with traumatic brain injuries or posttraumatic stress disorder are prescribed symptom-reducing drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, in essence, veterans are warehoused and discharged, dependent on costly antidepressants and other antipsychotic medicines that promote dangerous dependencies and may result in lethal interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, traumatic brain injury is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the United States, accounting for approximately 2 million emergency room visits, between 230,000 and 500,000 hospital admissions, and 52,000 deaths annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a medical treatment that enhances the body's natural healing process by inhalation of one hundred percent oxygen in a total body chamber, where atmospheric pressure is increased and controlled, and which is used for a wide variety of treatments as a part of an overall medical care plan; and

**WHEREAS**, hyperbaric oxygen therapy and improving diagnostics have emerged as a promising and effective treatment in healing injured brains and subsequently reducing, and in some cases completely alleviating, the symptoms associated with the traumatic brain injury;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to provide veterans with medical coverage for hyperbaric oxygenation therapy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of Congress.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State