

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 19-9**

**SUBJECT:** Improvements in the Family Caregiver Support Program

**SOURCE:** HQ

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers selflessly support wounded, injured and sick veterans allowing for a greatly improved quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the utilization of family caregivers also plays a critical role in controlling and reducing health care costs by minimizing both in- & out-patient hospitalizations; and institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS**, family caregivers have been the primary source of support for severely injured or sick veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that improving family caregivers' well-being and minimizing the burden they carry, is critical to their being able to continue assisting their loved ones; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that AMVETS should ensure that Congress continues the strictest oversight of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in-home and community based services for supporting family caregivers, while providing sufficient funding for the caregiver program, to include the newly passed MISSION Act which will allow caregivers of conflicts prior to September 11, 2001 to be part of the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

VAVS & VA Hospital and Medical Services, Rehabilitation

Benefits.....ADOPT  AMEND  REJECT  NONE

Floor Action.....ADOPTED  ADOPTED (as amended)  REJECTED  TABLED