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# H. RES. 497

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 22, 1971

Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Mrs. ABZUG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ASPIN, Mr. ADDABBO, Mr. BELL, Mr. BRASCO, Mr. BROOMFIELD, Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts, Mr. CORDOVA, Mr. COTTER, Mr. DENHOLM, Mr. DENT, Mr. DONOHUE, Mrs. DWYER, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. EDWARDS of Louisiana, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. GRASSO, Mr. WILLIAM D. FORD, Mr. HANLEY, Mr. HANSEN of Idaho, Mr. HECHLER of West Virginia, Mr. HELSTOSKI, and Mr. HUNGATE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## RESOLUTION

Whereas the total number of veterans hospitals, psychiatric and general, numbers one hundred and sixty-six, and the total capacity is one hundred thousand; and

Whereas the Federal telecommunications system now in effect in the Veterans' Administration hospitals is for authorized personnel use only; and

Whereas our veterans of World Wars I and II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts must use public telephones to contact their families and loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved, That—*

2 (1) the policy of the Veterans' Administration Reg-

1       ulation 204.02, regarding the Federal telecommunica-  
2       tions system as an official telephone, be changed and that  
3       a new regulation include the provision that all patients  
4       shall have public use of the Federal telecommunications  
5       system to contact their families and loved ones;

6               (2) the number of Federal telecommunications sys-  
7       tem telephones be determined by a ratio table, stating the  
8       capacity of each hospital and the number of telephones to  
9       be installed per capacity; and

10       *Resolved further,*

11               (3) That the time when the Federal telecommuni-  
12       cations system telephones can be used publicly by our  
13       veterans, be designated at the end of the ordinary busi-  
14       ness day, or to be determined by the Veterans' Adminis-  
15       tration; and

16       *Resolved further,*

17               (4) That the number of Federal telecommunica-  
18       tions system telephones installed in each Veterans' Ad-  
19       ministration hospital shall meet the standards proposed  
20       by the Veterans' Administration regarding length of  
21       service, mental capacity of patient (psychiatric hos-  
22       pitals), and so forth.

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**RESOLUTION**

To provide for free Federal telecommunications system service to patients in veterans' hospitals.

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By Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. ABZUG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ASPIN, Mr. ADDABBO, Mr. BELL, Mr. BRASCO, Mr. BROOMFIELD, Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts, Mr. CORDOVA, Mr. COTTER, Mr. DENHOLM, Mr. DENT, Mr. DONOHUE, Mrs. DWYER, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. EDWARDS of Louisiana, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. GRASSO, Mr. WILLIAM D. FORD, Mr. HANLEY, Mr. HANSEN of Idaho, Mr. HECHLER of West Virginia, Mr. HELSTOSKI, and Mr. HUNGATE

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