

Rep. Brinks offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 24.**

A resolution to demand quality health care for residents of the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Whereas, The men and women who serve our country deserve our utmost respect and gratitude. After their service is complete, all veterans still need support. So many of them make the ultimate sacrifice for our country or are injured in the line of duty. Many of the men and women returning home from duty face challenges with physical disabilities and mental health. All veterans are entitled to the best care we can give them; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has cut millions in funding from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. As a result, more than 140 employees of the veterans home are being laid off and replaced with lower-paid contract workers. The state should not try to save money at the expense of providing quality care for veterans; and

Whereas, The company contracted to provide the replacement employees has a questionable track record. There are reported instances of negligence and the company fails to require adequate experience from its employees. It is likely that the quality of care our servicemen and women receive will suffer as a result of this action by the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we demand the best possible health care for veterans in the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and all other veterans health facilities in the state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Office of Public Protection and Resources in the State Budget Office of the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.