

**A Resolution to Increase Funding for Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Iraq
Veterans**

Respectfully Submitted by Southview High School

1 Whereas, over forty-thousand Iraq veterans receive treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder

2 (PTSD), and

3 Whereas, the *New England Journal of Medicine* predicts up to twenty-thousand cases of PTSD go

4 untreated each year, and

5 Whereas, lawmakers encourage the Veterans Affairs personnel, by limiting funding, not to

6 diagnose returning soldiers with PTSD because of the expense of treating PTSD, and

7 Whereas, Veterans Affairs accuses those who request treatment to be “compensation seekers”

8 because PTSD is an “invisible illness” and its diagnosis is hard to prove and

9 Whereas, veterans that are not diagnosed with PTSD are often unable to afford treatment and must

10 cope with their mental illness alone, and

11 Whereas, their undiagnosed mental illness makes them unable to live stable lives, and

12 Whereas, the untreated veterans resort to violence against their family members, such as the

13 murders at Fort Bragg,

14 Therefore, Be It Resolved by this Student Congress that Veterans Affairs receives additional

15 funding to treat Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in all Iraq Veterans affected by this mental

16 illness.