

State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the Forty-first Legislature at its Third Called Session passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, being " That the Speaker of the House appoint three members of the House, including the Speaker thereof, and the Lieutenant-Governor appoint three members of the Senate to present the claims of Texas before the next Regular Session of Congress and that all necessary expenses of this Committee be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House and Senate respectively, provided, however, that in no event shall the said expenses exceed the sum of \$250.00 for each said member to be appointed as hereinbefore stated, and that said \$250.00 shall be allowed only for each of said members who go to Washington to present the purposes hereinbefore stated"; and

WHEREAS, said House Concurrent Resolution has been vetoed for the reasons set out in the following statement, which has been filed with said resolution in the office of the Secretary of State:

The attached House Concurrent Resolution, providing "that the Speaker of the House appoint three members of the House, including the Speaker thereof, and the Lieutenant-Governor appoint three members of the Senate to present the claims of Texas before the next Regular Session of Congress and that all necessary expenses of this Committee be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House and Senate respectively, provided, however, that in no event shall the said expenses exceed the sum of \$250.00 for each said member to be appointed as hereinbefore stated, and that said \$250.00 shall be allowed only for each of said members who go to Washington to present the purposes hereinbefore stated", is hereby vetoed.

This Resolution, after reciting that a general hospital or mental clinic has never been built by the United States Veterans' Bureau in the State of Texas, and after further stating that the Director of the Veterans' Bureau has recommended to Congress the building of such a hospital, but that such recommendation was disregarded by Congress, provided, as above set out, for the appointment of a Committee from the Texas Legislature to go before Congress and urge the establishment of such a hospital. The Resolution provides that the expenses of this Committee in going to Washington and appearing before Congress shall be paid from the public funds of this State, which are secured by taxation of the people.

I think that it would be a fine thing for the Veterans' Bureau to establish such a hospital in Texas and I hope very much that Congress will accept the recommendations of the Director of the Veterans' Bureau and proceed to establish such a hospital in this State. I am heartily in favor of the building of such a hospital.

While I am in favor of building the hospital, I am opposed to taking public money from the treasury of this State and using it to pay the expense of men to go to Washington to lobby before Congress. I do not believe this is a proper expenditure of public money. I know of no specific constitutional limitations on the spending of public money that would touch the provisions here made, never-

theless, I feel that such use of public money as is contemplated by this Resolution is contrary to the spirit of the organic law of the State. Independent of limitations or the lack of limitations in the Constitution, I am convinced that it is contrary to public policy to spend public money in such a manner.

We have eighteen Representatives in Congress from Texas and two members in the United States Senate. I have faith in their ability to secure the location of such a hospital in Texas if the facts justify or make it necessary and I do not believe that the Committee could add to the effectiveness of our delegation in Congress. I do not believe that the State of Texas should officially, from its public funds, send men to Washington to lobby before Congress.

For the reasons stated, the Resolution is vetoed.


Governor of Texas

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I,
DAN MOODY, Governor of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the
authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have
vetoed said House Concurrent Resolution for the reasons stated and on
file, and do hereby proclaim said action to have been taken.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto
signed my name officially and caused
the seal of State to be impressed hereon
at Austin, Texas, this the 24th day of
July, A. D. 1929.



GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

BY THE GOVERNOR:



Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

REPRODUCED FROM THE
HOLDINGS OF THE
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES