

**SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

**WHEREAS**, musculoskeletal conditions are responsible for approximately 50 percent of all health-related military disability discharges and the most common non-traumatic cause of functional impairment during military operations; and

**WHEREAS**, chiropractic services often are used to treat musculoskeletal conditions, and Congress established chiropractic benefits and services for both active duty military within the U.S. Department of Defense and for veterans within the Veterans' Affairs health care systems; and

**WHEREAS**, doctors of chiropractic practice are in nearly 50 military treatment facilities, primarily treating musculoskeletal conditions and slowly are being added to the VA health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently is no enterprise coordinating and guiding collaborative research efforts between preeminent chiropractic colleges, scientists, and the military researchers to address the primary questions surrounding integration of chiropractic into military health care environments; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical need to establish a robust, collaborative, national program to address the continued integration of chiropractic health care into the Department of Defense health care systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Logan College of Chiropractic and the Samueli Institute have proposed the establishment of a plan to create a new consortial Chiropractic Center for Military Research in Chesterfield, Missouri, on the campus of Logan College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center will facilitate development of research capacity in the area of musculoskeletal research, education and training through linkages with researchers and scientists at chiropractic educational institutions with researchers within the Department of Defense and with scientists and researchers at the Samueli Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, the research program to be pursued by the collaborative consortial Chiropractic Center for Military Research will focus special, initial priority consideration on those musculoskeletal conditions that are affecting those active duty military and veterans participating in or returning from combat in Afghanistan and Iraq, including the role of chiropractic manipulation in the total care of those with amputations and prosthetics:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, urge the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to authorize and appropriate full funding required to establish the proposed Chiropractic Center for Military Research at Logan College of Chiropractic at its campus in Chesterfield, Missouri; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies

of this resolution for the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

**Terry L. Spieler, Secretary of the Senate, and Stephen S. Davis, Chief Clerk of the House**, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2005, and concurred in by the House on May 13, 2005.

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**SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

Resolution

**CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

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