

Rep. Nathan offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 357.

A resolution to urge the federal government to produce identification cards for military veterans who, as a result of combat, have shrapnel or other types of metal in their bodies.

Whereas, Of the more than 2.6 million U.S. service members deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003, over 900,000 have returned home as "wounded warriors." These service men and women have sustained non-fatal war injuries that have left them with physical and mental disabilities that will adversely impact them every day of their lives; and

Whereas, Many of these individuals' injuries are the result of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) that were packed full of bits of metal such as nails and screws. These wounded warriors will live with the shrapnel in their bodies and injuries to their limbs forever; and

Whereas, These proud U.S. veterans do not need to be reminded of their injuries when they go through airport security and are subjected to humiliation and the rudeness of security personnel who may be ignorant of the persistent difficulties caused by the injuries suffered by our veterans. Although the Traffic Safety Administration (TSA) offers expedited screening for wounded warriors, this service requires that the individual contact TSA prior to traveling and does not guarantee appropriate treatment of the injured individual; and

Whereas, Providing veterans with injuries with a special identification card that identifies them as having unique circumstances will allow them to maintain their dignity at airport security. Education for TSA on how to screen wounded veterans is also important as many of these individuals have injuries that make it difficult to remove coats or raise their arms; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the federal government to produce identification cards for military veterans who, as a result of combat, have shrapnel or other types of metal in their bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department of Defense, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.