

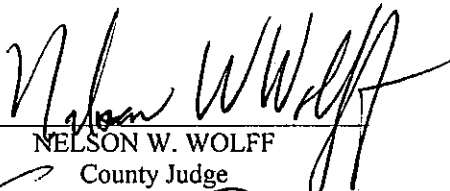


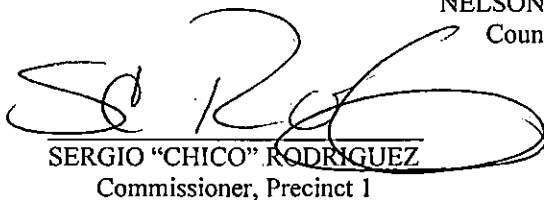
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING RESEARCH RELATED TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDERS INCLUDING STUDY OF THE USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY FOR VETERANS WITH BRAIN INJURY

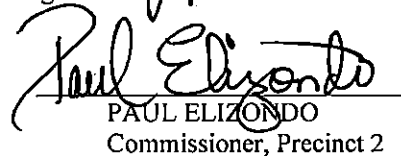
- WHEREAS,** Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are considered the "signature wounds," borne by a large number of U.S. Veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** A significant number of Texas Veterans who suffered head injuries in combat now have the additional impact of high unemployment rates, increased public healthcare costs, mental illness, alcohol and drug treatment needs, homelessness, incarceration, and family breakups; and
- WHEREAS,** Bexar County is at the center for TBI and PTSD research and treatment as it is home for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the San Antonio Military Medical Center, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, Willford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center, The University of Texas San Antonio, and The Center for the Intrepid; and
- WHEREAS,** The U.S. Department of Defense and Veterans Administration last year chose The University of Texas Health Science Center to lead a research consortium called STRONG STAR to focus on advancing PTSD diagnosis, prevention and treatment for service members and veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** Such research is needed as there are positive signs, but not yet sufficient evidence, that new alternative treatment regimens such as Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) have shown positive results in healing brain injury and restoring lives of the injured.

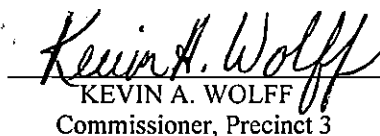
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bexar County Commissioners Court supports additional funding for research related to TBI and PTSD, including study of the use of HBOT for veterans and current members of the military with brain injury.

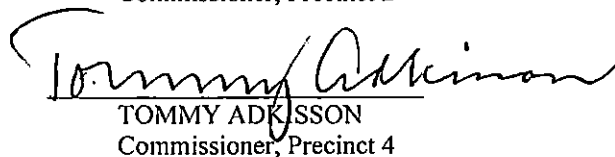
Signed this 26th day of August, 2014


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