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House of Representatives, February 21, 2013

**Resolve, Directing the Bureau of General Services To Erect a  
Memorial in Memory of Those Who Died at the Former Augusta  
Mental Health Institute**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CASSIDY of Lubec, CHIPMAN of Portland, COTTA of China, GRAHAM  
of North Yarmouth, MALABY of Hancock, McCLELLAN of Raymond, STUCKEY of  
Portland.

1           **Preamble. Whereas,** the Cemetery Project of Maine was established to locate  
2 where patients who died at the former Augusta Mental Health Institute were buried; and

3           **Whereas,** significant research was conducted to produce the most accurate record of  
4 the number of patients who died at the former Augusta Mental Health Institute or who  
5 were on leave from the hospital at their time of death; and

6           **Whereas,** a public memorial to honor and remember those who died provides a  
7 healing opportunity for former patients, family members and the public; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9           **Sec. 1. Memorial for those who died at the former Augusta Mental**  
10 **Health Institute. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial  
11 Services, Bureau of General Services, referred to this resolve as "the bureau," shall design  
12 and erect a memorial for the individuals who died at the former Augusta Mental Health  
13 Institute; and be it further

14           **Sec. 2. Memorial design. Resolved:** That the bureau may request assistance and  
15 advice in the design of the memorial under section 1 from a nonprofit organization whose  
16 purpose is to support individuals with mental health needs; and be it further

17           **Sec. 3. Memorial location. Resolved:** That the bureau shall work with the  
18 Capitol Planning Commission to locate the memorial on the grounds of the former  
19 Augusta Mental Health Institute; and be it further

20           **Sec. 4. Funding assistance. Resolved:** That the bureau may accept state and  
21 local funds, gifts and other contributions to be used solely to carry out the provisions of  
22 this resolve; and be it further

23           **Sec. 5. Account established. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of  
24 General Services shall establish an account to administer state and local funds, gifts and  
25 other contributions under section 4; and be it further

26           **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
27 appropriations and allocations are made.

28           **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
29 **Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080**

30 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a memorial to those who died at the former  
31 Augusta Mental Health Institute.

32	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
33	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
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35	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>    \$0</u>	<u>   \$50,000</u>

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to design and erect a memorial on the grounds of the former Augusta Mental Health Institute for the individuals who died at the former Augusta Mental Health Institute. It authorizes the bureau to accept state and local funds, gifts and other contributions to be used solely for the costs of the memorial. It also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to fund the memorial.