

## **Additional Remarks**

**December 12, 2011**

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Senator John Boozman  
Arkansas

### **Honoring the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks**

Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (VHSO) in Fayetteville, Arkansas. This health care provider is the recipient of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Robert W. Carey Trophy Award, the highest recognition for quality achievement and service to our nation's veterans. Each year, this award is presented to no more than two of the VA's highest performing organizations for quality achievement.

This well-deserved honor recognizes the exemplary quality of service it is providing to Arkansas veterans. The VHSO has an outstanding track record, winning Robert W. Carey Awards in 2010, 2009, and 2008.

Founded in 1935, the VHSO serves veterans in 23 counties in northwest Arkansas, southwest Missouri, and eastern Oklahoma. In addition to the Fayetteville location, six communities in the region have Community Based Outpatient Clinics.

Services at the VHSO include primary care, mental health care, specialty care, women's clinic, pharmacy, social work, surgery, and nutrition services. They are a 72-bed level 2 facility and have a large team of caregivers that can assist veterans whether they are hospitalized, living at home, or transitioning between the two. To accomplish the Veterans' Affairs goals of integrity, commitment, advocacy, respect, and excellence, the VHSO works to honor veterans with high quality healthcare.

I am proud of the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks and its commitment to providing exceptional care to our veterans and encourage continued efforts to improve the health and services offered to these brave men and women. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating this facility for the outstanding work it does to care for our veterans who have sacrificed so much for this nation.