

## **STATEMENT**

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"I am excited about the depth of the Interim charges that have been given to the Senate Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee. In light of our heightened awareness of the needs of our veterans, service members and their families, it is imperative that we address these challenges with renewed vigor.

"I am thankful to Lt. Governor Dewhurst for giving me the privilege to chair this important committee. This honor has allowed me the opportunity to convene various stakeholders that share a common commitment to issues impacting our military and their families. It has been through these collective efforts that the members of the Senate were able to provide him such comprehensive recommendations. It is evident by the charges that Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst was listening and the committee looks forward to starting our work."

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