

Supporting The Efforts Of Northeast Center For Special Care To Establish A 20 Bed Unit To Serve Returning Soldiers From Iraq And Afghanistan

The Health Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Liepmann, Sheeley, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Busick and Roberti), the Human Development Committee (Chairman Kraft and Legislators Distel, Liepmann, Loughran, R.A. Parete, Harris and Noonan) and the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee (Chairman Zimet and Legislators Bischoff, Cahill, Lomita, Sheeley, Felicello and Harris) offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the initiative of the Northeast Center for Special Care to establish a 20 bed unit to serve returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, who has sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury, and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Center for Special Care is a 280 bed long-term care facility located in Lake Katrine, New York, serving individuals with Traumatic Brain Injuries, spinal cord injuries, ventilator dependency and neurobehavioral disorders since 1999, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognize and appreciate the good work performed by the Northeast Center for Special Care, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature support the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and are especially grateful for their service, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports preference to local residents by the Northeast Center for Special Care, and

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has met and supports this resolution with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Human Development Committee has met and supports this resolution with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and supports this resolution with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature whole-heartedly supports an initiative of the Northeast Center for Special Care to establish an 20 bed unit to serve returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, who have sustained Traumatic Brain Injury, through contract with the United States Department of Defense for the

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provisions of such services as recovery, rehabilitation and re-entry into the community,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 2
(NOES: Legislators Bartels and Berardi)
(1 Abstention: Legislator Liepmann)
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)

Legislator Stoeckeler motioned, seconded by Legislator Sheeley to amend the resolution adding the fifth "WHEREAS" as included above, to reflect that the Ulster County Legislature supports preference to local residents.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Berardi)
(1 Abstention: Legislator Liepmann)
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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