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**Ulster County Lawmaker's Support The Initiative Of The Northeast Center For Special Care In The Town Of Ulster, N.Y. To Establish A 20-Bed Unit To Treat Returning Soldiers From Iraq And Afghanistan**

**KINGSTON, NY** – Ulster County Lawmakers Peter Kraft (D-Glenford), Brian Cahill (D-Ulster) and Robert Parete (D-Olive), presented a resolution in support of the establishment of a 20-bed unit to treat Service Men and Women from Iraq and Afghanistan at the Northeast Center for Special Care.

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.

Legislator Cahill added, “The level of expertise and care that is available at the Northeast Center will benefit many combat injured Veterans not only in the Hudson Valley, but the entire Northeast of the United States.” “We should be doing everything within our power to help these Vets get well as soon as possible and return to their families to continue on with life”

“Many military combat veterans suffer traumatic brain injuries while serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. They need the services and the care that is the specialty of the Northeast Center.” “We are fortunate to have one of the best centers to treat these injuries right here in Ulster County” said Legislator Robert Parete.

“Currently, the closest treatment center for brain injuries to Ulster County is in Washington D.C.” said Legislator Kraft. “It is far better for family and friends to interact with the patients when they are close to home. It is an honor and a privilege to support our troops this way”

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Mr. Anthony Marmo of the Northeast Center said. "We are very appreciative for the support of the Ulster County Legislature in helping the Northeast Center for Special Care secure a contract with the Department of Defense to serve returning veterans with Traumatic Brain injuries. The County Legislature has been historically very helpful in allowing the Center to fulfill its mission of recovery, rehabilitation and re-entry to the community and this resolution is further evidence of that support."

Legislator Brian Cahill serves on the Legislative Committee that oversees the Veterans Affairs Agency, Legislator Peter Kraft serves as Chairman of the Human Development Committee and Legislator Robert Parete serves as Chairman of the Health Committee. The members of the Health Committee unanimously approved this request during last evening's meeting.