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## **County Legislature Approves Wolfe's Resolution Supporting Federal Veteran Employment Assistance Act**

**New City, NY** (August 5, 2010) – The Rockland County Legislature passed a resolution introduced by Legislator Alden H. Wolfe at the August 3, 2010 meeting requesting that the U.S. Senate pass “The Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010”. The resolution, introduced by Legislator Alden H. Wolfe, supports a bill which would improve the employment, training and placement services furnished to veterans, with emphasis to those who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Senate bill would amend the existing Small Business Act by establishing a Veterans Business Centers Program. This program would provide information, counseling and education services to veterans seeking civilian re-employment, who own small businesses or are interested in establishing a small business. The program would be funded by federal grants.

“The unemployment rate for young veterans is more than 20%,” said Legislator Wolfe, “and we can expect that the unemployment rate among all veterans will rise during this period of economic downturn. Members of our Armed Forces learn valuable skills during their enlistment that can be converted into civilian career opportunities. This program will help our veterans by providing allowances for on-the-job training or apprenticeship, relocation stipends, and entrepreneurial development assistance. We owe our veterans a supportive and smooth re-entry into the workforce. To that end, we urge the U.S. Senate to pass this bill and encourage the House of Representatives to introduce and pass similar legislation.”

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