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County Democrats Offer Three Memorializing Resolutions

Rochester, New York – February 13, 2007: The Monroe County Legislature's Democratic Caucus offers three memorializing resolutions this month:

Memorializing the United States Senate to Pass and President George W. Bush to Sign the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007

Submitted by Legislator Travis Heider (D-Brighton), this resolution urges the U.S. Senate to pass critical, bipartisan legislation that would lift limitations on federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research that have been in place since 2001. Scientists consider human embryonic stem cells to be the most promising source of new treatments for dozens of debilitating and life-threatening diseases.

Memorializing the Federal Government to Enact Legislation to Require Mandatory Funding for Veterans' Healthcare

Submitted by Legislator Ted O'Brien (D-Irondequoit), this resolution asks the U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, and President of the United States to require that funding for veteran's healthcare be a mandatory obligation of the Federal budget. As it currently stands, healthcare funding must face the annual uncertainties of budget cycles, preventing the VA from establishing a comprehensive plan that protects all veterans' rights to quality healthcare, a promise this nation should make as a humble acknowledgement for their service and bravery.

Memorializing the New York State Legislature to Pass and Gov. Eliot Spitzer to Sign Bill A.1652, Supporting Reform for New York State's Public Debt

Submitted by Legislator Stephanie Polowe Aldersley (D-Irondequoit), this resolution urges the New York State Legislature to readily pass, and the newly elected Governor Eliot Spitzer to sign into law bill A.1652. This legislation will create a Debt Management Board responsible for establishing greater oversight of the state's finances by monitoring all debt incurred by the state and public authorities. The bill also establishes an improved structure for the total state-funded debt.

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