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Committee Assignment
Memorializing Referral -L

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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, New York 14614

Re: Memorializing the United States Congress to pass, and George W. Bush to readily sign into law H.R. 5825, the Hubbard Act

Every day, we ask the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, who have voluntarily committed to put their lives on the line, to defend our nation. In exchange for their sacrifice and service, our troops deserve fair compensation and benefits.

The U.S. has maintained a "sole survivor" policy, to prevent any one family from suffering the loss of an entire generation of their loved ones on the battlefield. About eight months ago, Army Spc. Jason Hubbard lost his two brothers in the combat zone of Iraq. Hubbard was sent home and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, as the Army policy dictates. Upon his return home, the Army stripped him and his pregnant wife of healthcare, took away his G.I. Bill education benefits, and demanded that he repay his \$6,000 enlistment bonus. This demand that has been made by our federal government is deplorable.

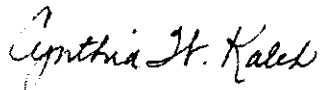
Today in the U.S House of Representatives, 234 members, both Democrat and Republican have signed on to support bill H.R. 5825, known as the Hubbard Act. When adopted, this act will waive the payback of enlistment bonuses, provide separation pay and transitional health care, and allow soldiers honorably discharged by the sole-survivor policy to participate in G.I. educational programs. It has been reported by the Department of Defense that 51 other sole survivors will be denied the same rights and benefits they courageously earned on the battlefield.

It is our country's duty to protect and support our troops who have served honorably with patriotism and loyalty. Passing this legislation is the right thing to do, and the fact that

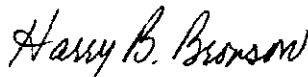


such actions need to be taken is a travesty. Therefore we ask you to join us in imploring Congress to adopt, and President George W. Bush to readily sign into law H.R. 5825.

Respectfully submitted,



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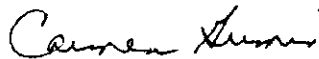
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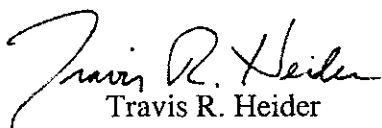
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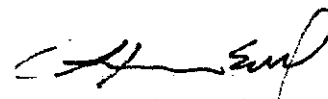
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