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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A MONUMENT TO HONOR WARTIME MILITARY SERVICE BY RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the creation of a monument on the property of the Veterans'
3 Home in Rocky Hill to honor the military service by residents of this
4 state in times of war. The task force shall:

5 (1) Conduct a feasibility review on the creation of the monument,
6 including whether there should be one monument honoring all war
7 veterans in this state, several interconnected monuments, or other
8 configurations of the monument or monuments, to honor this state's
9 war veterans, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut 29th
10 Colored Regiment C. V. Infantry during the Civil War, and veterans of
11 World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and
12 other wars since the Vietnam War in which Connecticut veterans
13 served, and develop a recommendation;

14 (2) Evaluate whether the property of the Veterans' Home is the most

15 suitable location for such monument or monuments, and, if not, other
16 suitable locations; and

17 (3) Project the costs of creating the monument or monuments
18 recommended by the task force, and recommend ways to raise funds
19 from the public or other sources, in addition to any state funding that
20 may be requested, to pay for such monument or monuments.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the select committee
23 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
24 military affairs and veterans, or their designees;

25 (2) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or her designee;

26 (3) The Adjutant General, or his designee;

27 (4) One representative, who is a resident of this state, designated by
28 each of the following organizations: American Legion, Veterans of
29 Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and Descendants of the
30 Connecticut 29th Colored Regiment C.V. Infantry; and one
31 representative each from an organization representing veterans of the
32 Korean War and an organization representing veterans of the Vietnam
33 War, appointed by the chairpersons of such select committee; and

34 (5) Not more than three veterans who shall be appointed by the
35 chairpersons of such select committee.

36 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
37 (4) or (5) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
38 General Assembly.

39 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
40 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
41 filled by the appointing authority.

42 (e) The chairpersons of such select committee, or their respective

43 designees, shall be the chairpersons of the task force. The chairpersons
44 of the task force shall schedule the first meeting of the task force,
45 which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective date of
46 this section.

47 (f) The administrative staff of such select committee shall serve as
48 administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to such select committee,
51 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
52 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
53 report or January 1, 2006, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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Joint Favorable C/R

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