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**ASSEMBLY, No. 379**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**213th LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2008 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides "Patriots Corner" tribute in State House to New Jersey residents serving in US Armed Forces, reserve components and New Jersey National Guard.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on June 18, 2009.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/12/2010)

1 AN ACT providing for a permanent tribute to the New Jersey  
2 residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, their  
3 reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard, <sup>1</sup>and<sup>1</sup>  
4 supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes <sup>1</sup>[and  
5 making an appropriation]<sup>1</sup>.  
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
8 *of New Jersey:*  
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10 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

11 a. There are many men and women of this State who bravely  
12 serve this Nation and State in the United States Armed Forces, the  
13 reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard; and

14 b. These brave men and women are true patriots who gallantly  
15 protect America from potential enemies to ensure our freedom and  
16 our way of life; and

17 c. Although there are memorials to those who have given their  
18 lives in the service of our country, there does not exist a proper  
19 tribute to those on active service in the United States Armed Forces,  
20 the reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard; and

21 d. It is fitting and proper that this State honor those actively  
22 serving by providing a tribute to them.  
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24 2. There shall be established a permanent tribute to the men  
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26 Forces, the reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard.  
27 The tribute shall be called the Patriots Corner. The State House  
28 Commission shall establish a prominent location for the tribute  
29 within the State House, the type of tribute and design, as well as  
30 what specific information is to be displayed. The displayed  
31 information may include a photograph and biography of each  
32 service member. The State House Commission shall also be  
33 responsible for obtaining the information needed for the tribute and  
34 maintaining the site.  
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36 <sup>1</sup>[3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary  
37 of State such amounts as may be necessary to effectuate the  
38 purposes of section 2 of this act, subject to approval by the Director  
39 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
40 Treasury.]<sup>1</sup>  
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42 <sup>1</sup>3. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special,  
43 non-lapsing fund to be known as the Patriots Corner Tribute Fund.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted June 18, 2009.

1 There shall be deposited into the fund the amounts made available  
2 for the purposes of the fund and monetary donations that may be  
3 received from any source for the purposes of the fund and any  
4 interest earned thereon. Monies deposited in the fund shall be  
5 dedicated for the support and funding of the establishment and  
6 maintenance of the Patriots Corner and projects concerned with the  
7 Patriots Corner.<sup>1</sup>

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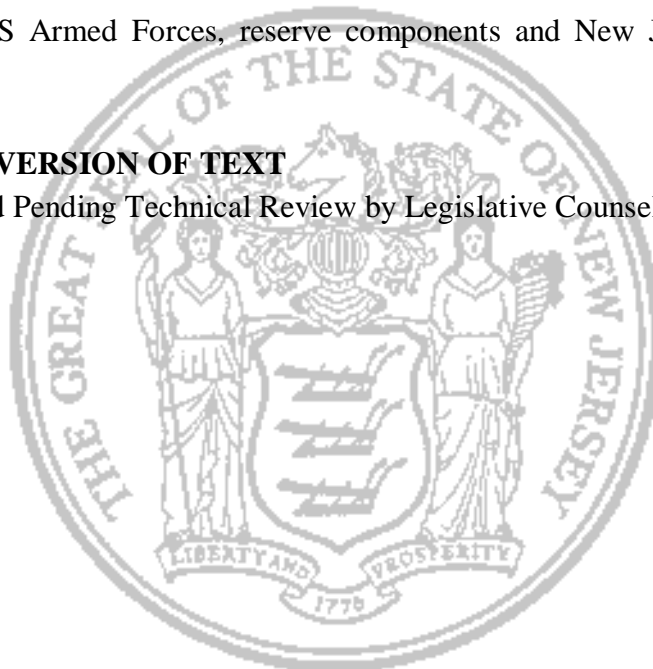
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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/25/2008)**

A379 DIEGNAN, LAMPITT

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39 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
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1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill seeks to pay tribute to the men and women of New  
4 Jersey who are actively serving this Nation and State in the United  
5 States Armed Forces, their reserve components and the New Jersey  
6 National Guard.

7 Under this bill, the State House Commission will design the  
8 tribute. The tribute will be called the "Patriots Corner". It will be a  
9 permanent display in a prominent location in the State House in  
10 Trenton.



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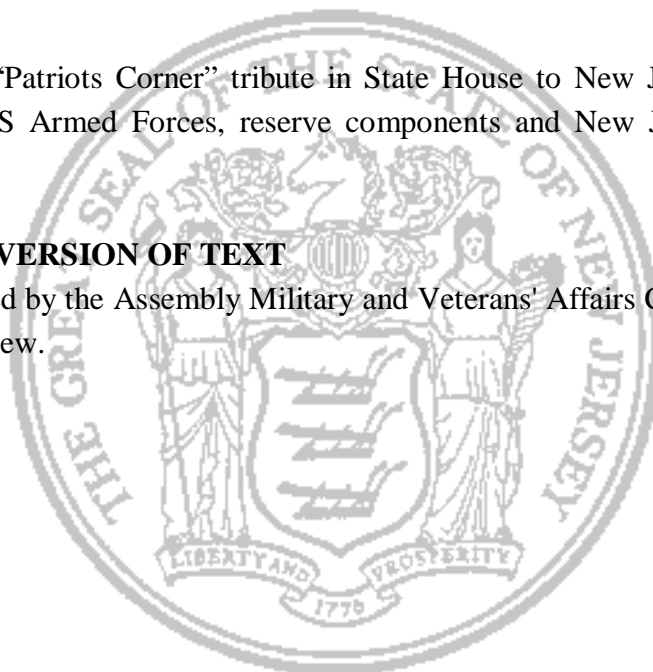
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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides "Patriots Corner" tribute in State House to New Jersey residents serving in US Armed Forces, reserve components and New Jersey National Guard.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee with technical review.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2008)**

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39 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
40 Treasury.

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ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 379**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 28, 2008

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 379.

The purpose of this bill is to honor the men and women of New Jersey who are actively serving in the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, and the New Jersey National Guard, by establishing a permanent tribute to be displayed in the State House called "Patriots Corner." The tribute would be designed by the State House Commission, and may include a photograph and biography of each service member. The State House Commission would be responsible for obtaining the information needed for the tribute and maintaining the site.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2008-2009 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

MINORITY STATEMENT

By Assemblymen O'Scanlon and Van Pelt

The sponsors of this bill should be commended for their efforts to honor the men and women from New Jersey who courageously serve our State and our Nation in the US Armed Forces. We strongly support the goal of this bill.

However, at this time, the State is facing very serious financial difficulties. The Governor has ordered his cabinet officers to recommend reductions in departmental spending and has directed the Treasurer to work with the Legislature to identify additional savings.

There are unanswered questions regarding the bill's monetary impact on the State. The bill contains an open-ended appropriation from the General Fund: "such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this bill". The committee did not accept our recommendation to require the State House Commission to provide the Legislature with a cost estimate prior to the establishment of the tribute.

Until such time as Governor Corzine delivers his FY2009 State budget to the Legislature, neither the members of the Legislature, nor the members of this committee, should endorse any open-ended appropriations. We are therefore compelled to withhold support for this particular legislation at this time.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 379**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 7, 2009

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 379 (1R).

The purpose of this bill is to honor the men and women of New Jersey who are actively serving in the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, and the New Jersey National Guard, by establishing a permanent tribute to be displayed in the State House called "Patriots Corner." The tribute would be designed by the State House Commission, and may include a photograph and biography of each service member. The State House Commission would be responsible for obtaining the information needed for the tribute and maintaining the site.

The bill creates a non-lapsing fund in the Department of the Treasury to be known as the Patriots Corner Tribute Fund. Monies deposited in the fund are dedicated for the support and funding of the establishment and maintenance of the Patriots Corner and projects concerned with the Patriots Corner tribute created by the bill.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2995, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 379**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman CONNERS)

ADOPTED: JUNE 18, 2009

This Assembly amendment removes the appropriation of an unspecified sum and creates a non-lapsing fund in the Department of the Treasury to be known as the Patriots Corner Tribute Fund. Monies deposited in the fund are dedicated for the support and funding of the establishment and maintenance of the Patriots Corner and projects concerned with the Patriots Corner tribute created by the bill.

# SENATE, No. 2995

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 23, 2009

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Camden)**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Baroni and Madden**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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STATEMENT TO

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