

**VETERANS & SENIORS COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Veterans & Seniors Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on November 29, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Steven H. Stern, Chairman  
Leg. Jack Eddington, Vice Chair  
Leg. Jon Cooper (not present)  
Leg. Daniel P. Losquadro (excused absence)  
Leg. Edward P. Romaine

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel  
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Laura Halloran, Budget Review Office  
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office  
Ed Hennessey, Aide to County Executive  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader  
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern  
Rob Calarco, Aide to Leg. Eddington  
Dot Kerrigan, AME Legislative Representative  
Rick Brand, Newsday  
And all other interested parties

**VERBATIM MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

## THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:32 AM

### CHAIRMAN STERN:

Welcome everybody to the Committee on Vets and Seniors. Please join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Eddington.

### SALUTATION

Please stand for a moment of silence to honor those fighting for our freedoms overseas.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

Thank you. Welcome everyone. Hope everybody had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

We have a short agenda before us today.

### TABLED RESOLUTIONS

We're going to go directly to tabled resolutions. **IR 1866-10 Adopting a Local Law -2010, A Local Law to register non-profit Veterans organizations in Suffolk County (Cilmi).**

### LEG. ROMAINE:

I'll make a motion to approve.

### CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to approve by Legislator Romaine. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? The motion is approved. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS COOPER AND LOSQUADRO NOT PRESENT)**

**IR 1976-10 Adopting a Local Law -2010, A Local Law to Broaden Eligibility For Senior Citizens Tax Exemption (Stern).** This was tabled for public hearing. It is now back before us. I'll make a motion to approve.

### LEG. ROMAINE:

Second.

### CHAIRMAN STERN:

Second by Legislator Romaine. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? Motion is approved. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS LOSQUADRO AND COOPER NOT PRESENT)**

### LEG. ROMAINE:

Clerk, please list me as a co-sponsor on that resolution.

### INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTION

### CHAIRMAN STERN:

**Introductory Resolution. IR 2087-10 Designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the County of Suffolk's emblem of service and sacrifice by those in the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Second by Legislator Romaine.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

On the motion.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

On the motion, Legislator Eddington.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

What is the Honor and Remember flag? I figure if we're voting on it, I should at least know what it looks like.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Honor and Remember, which is incorporated as a 501 (C) 3, an organization which was found in 2008, to promote a new national flag honoring individuals who died in military service to America regardless of the conflict. The flag has been endorsed by the American Gold Star Mothers, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Military Officers Association of America, the Air Force Security Forces Association and the Naval Reserve Association. The flag has been officially adopted by the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Pennsylvania State Legislature is currently considering adopting the flag. I have a picture of it here for anybody who would like to see it.

**LEG. EDDINGTON:**

Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? Motion is approved. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS LOSQUADRO AND COOPER NOT PRESENT)**

**LEG. ROMAINE:**

Motion to adjourn.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to adjourn. I'll second.

Please note for the record that Legislator Losquadro has an excused absence. All right, thank you everybody.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:35 AM**