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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4 LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

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2 MR. PULITZER: Roll call Veterans
3 and Senior Affairs Committee. Legislator
4 Ellen Birnbaum.

5 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Delia
7 DeRiggi-Whitton.

8 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
9 Here.

10 MR. PULITZER: Ranking Member
11 Debra Mule.

12 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

13 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Steven
14 Rhoads.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

16 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose
17 Marie Walker.

18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

19 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman C.
20 William Gaylor the Third.

21 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

22 MR. PULITZER: And Chairman John
23 Ferretti.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum

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2 sir.

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you
4 Mr. Clerk.

5 There's one item on the agenda
6 today which is clerk item 192-21. Clerk item
7 192-21 is a resolution to provide for the
8 payment of the salary or other compensation of
9 public officers or employees for any and all
10 periods of absence while utilizing
11 healthcare-related services related to duty in
12 combat theater or combat zone operations
13 pursuant to New York State Military Law
14 Section 242.

15 May I have a motion. Moved by
16 Legislator Gaylor. Seconded by Legislator
17 Birnbaum. The item is before us.

18 New York State allows
19 municipalities to provide up to five days of
20 salary or other compensation per year to their
21 veterans, officers or employees who use health
22 care services that are related to duty in
23 combat theater or combat zone of operations.

24 To implement this benefit this
25 legislature, pursuant to state law, must adopt

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2 a resolution which is before the Veterans
3 Committee at this time.

4 Nassau's officers and employees who
5 are combat theater veterans and combat zone of
6 operations veterans serve their county proudly
7 and now are dedicated public servants. It's
8 within the best interests of Nassau government
9 and residents that we provide paid time for
10 these officers and employees to address their
11 health care needs related to duty in combat
12 theater or combat zone of operations. It's
13 the very least we can do for this brave
14 group.

15 Legislator Gaylor I think you have
16 some comments on this.

17 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Thank you.
18 This is a good piece of legislation. I'm glad
19 that the county is taking advantage of, that
20 we're taking advantage of implementing what
21 the state allows us to. The nature of veteran
22 service or service that our military in
23 general faces is particularly high risk,
24 dangerous occupation in a combat theater.
25 Meaning they're fighting an enemy. They're

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2 exposed to combat. They're firing their
3 weapons. They're witnessing injury and
4 death. They're airborne operations and other
5 operations that going on.

6 In general, many studies show that
7 the incidents of post traumatic stress
8 disorder is anywhere from two to six times
9 higher than the general population.

10 I'm glad to be here today, and
11 we'll I'm sure unanimously going to pass this
12 and move this legislation forward. Thank you
13 Chairman.

14 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Thank you
15 Legislator Gaylor. Do we have any further
16 debate or discussion? Any public comment?
17 There being none, all those in favor of
18 passing this item please signify by saying
19 aye. Any opposed? The item passes
20 unanimously.

21 There's no other business in front
22 of this committee. May I have a motion to
23 adjourn. Moved by Legislator Walker.
24 Seconded by Legislator Mule. All in favor?
25 Committee is now adjourned. Finance is next.

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2 (Committee adjourned at 3:03 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of
June 2021

FRANK GRAY