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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATOR LORIGO

Re: Supporting the Location of a National Cemetery in Knox Farm State Park

WHEREAS, Western New York has seen many of its sons and daughters make great sacrifice to defend the United States and its ideals in wars and as peace keepers around the world; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women are eligible to be buried in a National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there are six National Cemeteries and one Cemetery Soldiers' Lot in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the closest National Cemetery in New York State is the Bath National Cemetery in Bath, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs intends to construct a National Cemetery in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, this will allow local veterans to be interred in a National Cemetery located close to family and loved-ones; and

WHEREAS, an ideal resting place for local veterans is Knox Farm State Park, a peaceful, dignified and bucolic park located in the Village of East Aurora; and

WHEREAS, location of the National Cemetery in Knox Farm State Park would be easily accessible to major thoroughfares, as well as many places of worship, restaurants and other facilities used by mourners and visitors to the cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the dedication of a portion of Knox Farm State Park as a National Cemetery serving Western New York veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Veterans Affairs Office, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the local delegation of the New York State Legislature and New York State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey.

Fiscal Impact: None.