



RESOLUTION #6 FOR 2011
THE NEED FOR AN EDUCATION CENTER AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

WHEREAS the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, also known as The Wall, is the most visited memorial in our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS engraved upon The Wall are the names of 58,267 heroes – including 3146 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – who valiantly gave their lives in service to our country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS the dedication of The Wall nearly 30 years ago began the process of remembrance, healing and honoring those who served and died in the longest war in US history; and

WHEREAS both houses of the US Congress have unanimously authorized the building of a new underground Education Center across from The Wall; and

WHEREAS the Education Center at The Wall will tell the stories behind the names on The Wall and draw attention to the sacrifices made by those who defend our freedom; and

WHEREAS the Education Center will display the legacies of 58,267 casualties memorialized on The Wall including uploaded photographs on a Virtual Wall, images of others who served in Vietnam and in other wars, an artifacts collection of more than 100,000 items left at The Wall, as well as related educational materials onsite and online; and

WHEREAS the Education Center will share and celebrate core values of duty, loyalty, respect, service, honor, courage and integrity; and

WHEREAS the stories and values that will be showcased at the Education Center must be preserved and shared with future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Clarion County believes that the Education Center will be a valuable adjunct to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that gives life and meaning to the names on The Wall for visitors from across the nation and around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clarion County strongly endorses the goals of the Education Center at The Wall and supports this worthy project to commemorate the sacrifices of those who serve, those who fall and those who wait for them at home; and

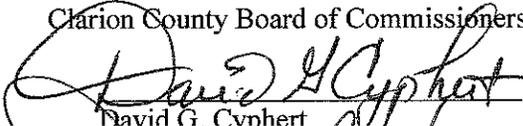
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clarion County supports the memory of those who served and fell and to that end encourages the families and friends of those fallen to upload photographs for the Education Center Virtual Wall.

Approved this 10th day of May 2011

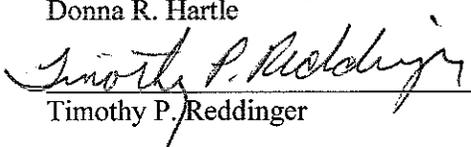
Attest:


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