

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS

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July 18, 2024
Start: 11:12 a.m.
Recess: 11:27 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: Robert F. Holden
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Joann Ariola
Kristy Marmorato
Sandy Nurse
Vickie Paladino

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Good morning and
3 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
4 the Committee on Veterans. At this time, please
5 silence cell phones and electronic devices to
6 minimize disruptions throughout the hearing. Thank
7 you for your cooperation. Chair, we are ready to
8 begin.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: [gavel] Good morning.
10 I'm Council Member Robert Holden, Chair of the
11 Committee on Veterans. Today, we will vote on
12 Resolution 10 which I have sponsored to annually
13 recognize July 27th as Korean War Veterans Armistice
14 Day in New York City. This resolution honors the
15 courage and sacrifice of those who served in the
16 Korean War. We originally heard this resolution on
17 April 2nd of 2024. On June 25th, 1950, North Korea
18 invaded South Korea along the 38th parallel prompting
19 the US and other UN member nations to send troops to
20 aid South Korea. The ensuing three-year war resulted
21 in the loss of millions of Korean civilians and
22 soldiers from many countries. It deeply affected the
23 lives of hundreds of thousands of soldiers, including
24 nearly 1.8 million US service members with more than
25 36,000 American deaths and over 103,000 wounded. The

2 Korean Armistice Agreement signed on July 27, 1953--
3 yes, and I was alive-- ended the armed conflict, but
4 did not establish a formal peace treaty. This
5 military truce, the longest negotiated in history,
6 created the demilitarized zone which remains
7 patrolled by US service members committed to
8 maintaining the fragile peace. Next week, July 27th,
9 marks the 71st anniversary of the signing of the
10 Korean Armistice Agreement. And I want to thank my
11 staff and the Committee staff for their efforts in
12 preparing for today including Daniel Kurzyna, my
13 Chief of Staff, John Larosa [sp?], to my right, the
14 Committee's Legislative Counsel, Regina Paul, the
15 Committee's Policy Analyst who again drafted the
16 resolution-- she's over there-- and Ross Goldstein,
17 the Committee's Financial Analyst. I will now call
18 on William Martin, the Clerk, to call the roll.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Good morning.
20 William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote
21 Committee on Veterans on Resolution 10. Chair
22 Holden?

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: I vote aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Nurse? Ariola?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Proudly vote aye,
3 and congratulations, Chair.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Paladino? Marmorato?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MARMORATO: I vote aye,
6 and congratulations.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: With a vote of 3 in the
8 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
9 the Resolution has been adopted by the Committee, and
10 the roll will be held open at request of the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: Thank you. Thank so
12 much.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Continuation roll call
14 Committee on Veterans, Resolution 10. Council Member
15 Nurse?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Thank you. Vote is now 4
18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
19 abstentions. Continuation roll call, Committee on
20 Veterans Resolution 10. Council Member Paladino?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: I vote aye.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Final vote is now 5 in
23 the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no
24 abstentions. Mr. Chair, that is a full committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON HOLDEN: Thank you everyone.

3 This hearing is adjourned.

4 [gavel]

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Date July 30, 2024