



TOWN OF IRONDEQUOIT

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Mary Ellen Heyman, Supervisor

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IRONDEQUOIT TOWN BOARD URGES MANDATORY FUNDING FOR VETERANS' HEALTH CARE SERVICES

On February 27, the Irondequoit Town Board unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Supervisor Mary Ellen Heyman urging Congress and the White House to correct veterans' health care funding shortfalls.

In March 2006, Congress voted down legislation which would have insured mandatory funding for our veterans' health care needs. As a result, VA funding is an estimated \$1.3 billion short of what is needed to provide adequate health care for veterans.

Recent articles by the *Washington Post* have brought to the attention of the entire country that we are not doing enough for our veterans.

"At all levels of government, we need to do all that we can to help our military personnel and their families who are sacrificing greatly for our country," said Supervisor Heyman. "As the unanimous Town Board vote shows, this is not about Democrats or Republicans. It's about showing that we all value and appreciate the people who serve our country so we can live in freedom."

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