

RESOLUTION NO. 239

**EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SOLDIER ON, INC.
REGARDING THE FORMER ANN LEE NURSING HOME PROPERTY**

Introduced: 6/13/16

By Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Beston, Miller and O'Brien:

WHEREAS, The County Executive's Office has proposed to transform the Ann Lee Home and surrounding area to accommodate the Soldier On Project which will entail a lease and renovation of the former Ann Lee Nursing Home and constructing new housing adjacent to the existing building that will focus on chronically homeless veterans and their challenges, and

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 133 and 263 of 2014 authorized the Albany County Legislature to serve as the lead agency regarding the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) process, which has now been completed with the determination that no significant adverse impacts to the environment will result from the proposed development of the Soldier On Project, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Colonie at its most recent Town Board meeting approved the creation of a Planned Development District at the site in furtherance of the project, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive also seeks a long-term lease agreement of the property to Soldier On, Inc. for the term of 50 years in order to secure the necessary funding to complete a project of this scale and create a long-term location to address the needs of homeless veterans, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that it is the intent to complete the necessary steps to authorize the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement with Soldier On, Inc., 360 West Housatonic Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201 for a term of 50 years in order to facilitate the long term construction and operation of new housing services for chronically homeless veterans, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 6/13/16