

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE VARIOUS METHODS TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT SITUATION AT THE GOLDEN HILL HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Dart, Donaldson, Feldmann, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stoeckeler and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Golden Hill Health Care Facility is currently in need of substantial repairs, and

WHEREAS, a recent study conducted for the Ulster County Legislature shows the estimated cost of repairs are significant, without adding additional beds, and

WHEREAS, that same study shows a renovation cost of the Golden Hill Health Care Facility could be as much as \$44,000,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned study has not considered the many other options, and

WHEREAS, the number of available nursing home beds in Ulster County has declined, and

WHEREAS, according to recent studies, Ulster County currently has a deficit of 250 nursing home beds.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature creates a bipartisan committee, known as the "Golden Hill Health Care Facility Special Committee", and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee will study various methods to address the current crisis at the Golden Hill Health Care Facility, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee will also study the various methods of increasing the total number of beds available for Ulster County residents, including but not limited to, purchasing, constructing or reusing existing County owned buildings, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee will consist of three members of the Majority Party, chosen by the Chairman of the Legislature, and three members of the Minority Party, chosen by the Minority Leader, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature or his designate may vote in the committee in the event of a tie vote cast, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee will report back to the Mental Health / Public Health / Residential Services Committee no later than February 1, 2005,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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**RULED OUT OF ORDER BY THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**