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## Senate Passes Resolution Honoring Fallen Fort Drum Soldiers

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Aubertine: Recognizing those who have made ultimate sacrifice honors all in armed service

ALBANY (May 26, 2010)—The New York State Senate today passed a resolution honoring the soldiers assigned to Fort Drum who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country in combat in Iraq War and Afghanistan. The resolution was introduced by Senator Darrel J. Aubertine to honor the 302 soldiers in anticipation of Memorial Day.

“Every Memorial Day, we’re asked to remember those who have lost their lives for our freedom,” Sen. Aubertine said. “Since the first Decoration Day here in New York after the Civil War to today, countless numbers of our best and brightest from New York and across this nation have given all that they have to protect our freedom and way of life. This resolution honors the Fort Drum soldiers who died in combat over the past eight years, but in doing so it honors all who serve in our armed forces.”

The Senate resolution recognizes the courage and bravery of our military personnel since the U.S. Army began Operation Iraqi Freedom as they continue to push our nation's ideals of democracy and defend liberty, along with the valiant soldiers serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The resolution, which was put together in cooperation with Fort Drum command, covers all soldiers who have died in combat up to April 30.

“The soldiers and their families who are assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and Fort Drum make the North Country their home,” Sen. Aubertine said. “The base is a large part of our county and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division is a critical part of our armed forces as the most deployed division in our country's military. In our communities we are constantly reminded of the sacrifices our troops make for all of us.”

“Just last week, we were reminded again when we learned that two more soldiers, a pair of lieutenants, from Fort Drum lost their lives. Their service and sacrifice, like those whose names are in this resolution, will not be forgotten,” the Senator added. “These tragedies drive home the point of how much is at stake for our soldiers and their families, and why it is so important to commend each and every soldier for their selfless act of serving to protect our way of life.”

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