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PRESS RELEASE

Senator Shirley L. Huntley Urges all New Yorkers to Thank Our Servicemen and Women This Veterans Day

In recognition of Veterans Day this Friday, November 11th, Senator Shirley L. Huntley (D-Jamaica), is encouraging everyone in the State of New York and throughout the country, to thank our brave servicemen and women, for without them our basic civil liberties would be in jeopardy every day."

Southeast Queens has one of the largest veteran populations in New York City. There are many who will benefit from the outcome of these bills. Our veterans and service men and women deserve the utmost respect and the passage of these bills ensures that. I hope to provide our veterans with any resource that are readily available because they should go towards helping them in any manner possible.

“Our veterans and active military personnel have made brave sacrifices on behalf of us all in their service to the nation,” Senator Huntley said. “From access to housing, health care, and educational opportunities, the service veterans have provided to our country entitles them to the very best from their state government, and we intend to give it to them.

This past legislative session, the New York State Senate passed several measures supporting the current and retired members of our Armed Forces.

Some bills in this package passed for our veterans included:

- S. 193 - A lifetime sportsman license for honorably discharged, disabled veterans.
- S. 824 - Development of a permit system to provide disabled veterans access to certain restricted bodies of water through the use of float planes.
- S. 2497 - The creation of a list of documents suitable for vets applying for real property tax exemptions.
- S. 3222 - An additional veteran real property owner tax exemption.
- S. 6041 - Providing members of the military service on active duty with much needed financial relief by waiving certain penalties, interests and fees related to foreclosures.

“The members of our Armed Forces risk their lives to protect our nation and as elected officials we have a duty to ensure veterans and their families receive the support and protections they deserve,” Senator Huntley said. “Proper rehabilitation – particularly mental rehab – is vital to veterans successfully re-entering civilian life, and our society has the obligation of ensuring the privacy of service members and their families during their most difficult hour.

To learn ways to help your local and national hero’s visit, <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/>