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**THE CITY OF CRANSTON**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON**  
**URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO**  
**INTRODUCE AND URGE PASSAGE LEGISLATION ALLOWING CRANSTON TO**  
**INCREASE THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS**

No.

*Passed:*

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*John E. Lanni, Jr., Council President*

**Resolved, that**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council to increase the Real Estate Property Tax Exemption for disabled veteran's for any person who is classified as one hundred percent (100%) disabled according to the United States Veterans Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City Council grant an exemption of \$50,000 a year aggregated for five years up to \$250,000 of the real property by any disabled veterans that qualify; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council feels that there needs to be an increase to support 100% disabled veterans that have not seen an increase in the amount of their tax exemptions, currently at \$17,975, since its inception decades ago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Cranston City Council, do hereby urge the members of the Rhode Island General Assembly to introduce and pass enabling legislation authorizing the City of Cranston to enact an Ordinance which would increase Exemptions from real property taxation for those who are military veterans with a one hundred percent military disability rating. The tax assessor is authorized to grant an exemption of \$50,000 a year aggregated for five years up to a max of \$250,000 of the real property owned by any person who is classified as one hundred percent (100%) disabled according to the United States Veterans Administration if said person owns and occupies residential property located in the City, which exemption shall extend to the unmarried widow of such veteran; provided, however, that only one such exemption shall be granted to tenants in common, joint tenants, and tenants by the entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Rhode Island General Assembly immediately upon passage.

Sponsored by: Council President Lanni, Council Vice President Santamaria, Councilmen Farina, Stycos, Botts, Archetto, Aceto, Favicchio and Paplauskas