

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-1908

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. IMPASTATO

PROVIDED BY: VETS AFFAIRS

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL FOR SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA VETERANS CEMETERY TO BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF INTERSTATE 12 AND LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 1088 IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates and manages the national cemetery system; and

WHEREAS, there are no plans to establish new national cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, Title 38 US Code authorizes the VA to assist states in establishing state owned veteran cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the federal government will pay 100% for all costs of designing and building the veterans cemetery as long as La. Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) will administer and maintain the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Pineville National Cemetery in Rapides Parish is closed to interment and the Port Hudson National Cemetery above Baton Rouge has about 900 burial spaces and projected to be full by 2008; and

WHEREAS, there is a desperate need for additional burial spaces for our WWII veterans who are dying at the national rate of 1,000 per day;

WHEREAS, Korean War veterans who are in their 60's and 70's and Viet Nam Veterans who are in their 50's and 60's will also need space; and

WHEREAS, Act 380, 1999 LA Regular Legislative Session, authorized LDVA to construct and operate state veterans' cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, two state veteran cemeteries have been approved at Caddo Parish in the northwest, and Vernon Parish in the southwest; and

WHEREAS, the southeast Louisiana population of 135,765 is the largest number of veterans in the state and is the fastest growing region in our state, particularly after Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Southeast LA Veterans Cemetery (in the vicinity of I-12 and Hwy. 1088, St. Tammany Parish) would be an outstanding location for the 135,765 veterans and their families.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that the Parish Council does hereby support the proposed Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery to be located in the vicinity of the intersection of I-12 and LA Hwy. 1088 in St. Tammany Parish.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: