

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	4C
Meeting Date	June 30, 2008
Prepared By	Suzanne Ludlow, Deputy City Manager
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Discussion Item	Resolution Supporting Bill 23-08, Establishing a Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs
Background	The Montgomery County Council, at the request of the County Executive, is considering the establishment of a Commission on Veterans Affairs. A public hearing on the legislation, Bill 23-08, is scheduled for July 8, 2008.
Policy	The Takoma Park City Council supports the provision of services to members of the Takoma Park community.
Fiscal Impact	n/a
Attachments	Draft Resolution
Recommendation	Approve resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced By:

RESOLUTION 2008-

**SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has a long history of advocating for health care and social services for its residents; and

WHEREAS, just as in communities across the United States, veterans in Takoma Park often face special needs when returning from service and as they age through the years; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park's proximity to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and other facilities for veterans allows us to interact on a regular basis with veterans; and

WHEREAS, Takoma Park appreciates and values the men and women of our community who serve our country in the armed forces and wishes them to have access to the best services available as veterans; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Bill 23-08 proposes to establish a Commission on Veterans Affairs for Montgomery County to:

- research, assemble, analyze and disseminate information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that will assist in meeting the needs of veterans;
- institute and conduce educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities for veterans;
- advise the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services in the State and County related to the needs of veterans; and
- assist in planning appropriate public acknowledgment of the contributions made by veterans and assist in planning commemoration activities recognizing the contributions made by veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the adoption of Bill 23-08, establishing a Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2008.