

CHAPTER 274

AN ACT providing for a permanent tribute to the New Jersey residents serving in the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard, and supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes .

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.38A:2-7 Findings, declarations relative to a permanent tribute to residents serving in the armed forces.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. There are many men and women of this State who bravely serve this Nation and State in the United States Armed Forces, the reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard; and
 - b. These brave men and women are true patriots who gallantly protect America from potential enemies to ensure our freedom and our way of life; and
 - c. Although there are memorials to those who have given their lives in the service of our country, there does not exist a proper tribute to those on active service in the United States Armed Forces, the reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard; and
 - d. It is fitting and proper that this State honor those actively serving by providing a tribute to them.

C.38A:2-8 Patriots Corner established.

2. There shall be established a permanent tribute to the men and women who are actively serving in the United States Armed Forces, the reserve components and the New Jersey National Guard. The tribute shall be called the Patriots Corner. The State House Commission shall establish a prominent location for the tribute within the State House, the type of tribute and design, as well as what specific information is to be displayed. The displayed information may include a photograph and biography of each service member. The State House Commission shall also be responsible for obtaining the information needed for the tribute and maintaining the site.

C.38A:2-9 Patriots Corner Tribute Fund.

3. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a special, non-lapsing fund to be known as the Patriots Corner Tribute Fund. There shall be deposited into the fund the amounts made available for the purposes of the fund and monetary donations that may be received from any source for the purposes of the fund and any interest earned thereon. Monies deposited in the fund shall be dedicated for the support and funding of the establishment and maintenance of the Patriots Corner and projects concerned with the Patriots Corner.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 17, 2010.