

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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Resolution No. 111-16

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Councilmembers Marks, Quirk & Almond

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By the County Council, October 3, 2016

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A RESOLUTION to authorize the County to accept a gift from the Baltimore County Monument Commission.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Council endorsed the creation of a Baltimore County Memorial commemorating the service of those who participated in the Middle East Conflicts, including the Persian Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan and the War in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Memorial was to be financed by private donations, with Baltimore County providing a location for the Memorial on the Court House grounds (Resolution 93-11); and

WHEREAS, The Baltimore County Monument Commission, Inc., a 501(c) 3 organization, was formed to oversee the fundraising, design, construction and dedication of a memorial to honor all the men and women who served in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's members include veterans of the Iraqi and Afghanistan conflicts as well as veterans of the Vietnam War, representatives of veterans' organizations, representatives of civic organizations, prominent attorneys and elected officials on the local, state and federal level. The project includes the design and construction of a memorial that will reside on the grounds of the Baltimore County Courthouse. The granite memorial will contain the names of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice etched into the granite and will be co-located

with the Vietnam Memorial, dedicated in 1996, to create a Memorial Garden. The site will include the Memorial itself, decorative boulders, a reflection bench, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, the memorial stone, donor stone, bench, pavers, landscaping and lighting will be donated to Baltimore County on November 5, 2016, and have an approximate total value of \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 306 of the Baltimore County Charter vests in the County Council the power to accept gifts and grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the County is authorized to accept a gift from the Baltimore County Monument Commission of the memorial stone, donor stone, bench, pavers, landscaping and lighting, valued approximately at \$80,000; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Council commends and thanks the members of the Commission for their efforts to ensure that the memory of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice is forever preserved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.