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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 3 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-188 Council District:

For Meeting of February 2, 2010
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION STUDENT-SOLDIER MENTORING PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED TO PROMOTE FUTURE LEADERSHIP, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES AND TO HARVEST KNOWLEDGE FROM ACADEMIA, MILITARY, BUSINESS AND CIVIC SECTORS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE GOALS OF STUDENT SOLDIERS AS THEY PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: Program endorsement.

Name of Drafter: Terrence Moore		Department: City Manager		Phone: 541-2076	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Originating Department		541-2076	Budget	<i>Richard Lyburt</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>Olivia Sanchez</i>	2271
Legal	<i>Richard Lyburt</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>Terrence Moore</i>	2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

This program is being developed to promote future leadership, educational initiatives and harvest knowledge amongst individuals from academia, military, business and civic sectors in connection with future mentoring opportunities for men and women serving in the military. An endorsement from the City of Las Cruces will serve as a catalyst in moving this effort forward.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution.
2. Letter from New Mexico State University, dated January 6, 2010 - Attachment "A".

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes" and approve the Resolution to support the Student-Soldier Mentoring Program.
2. Vote "No" and provide alternative direction.
3. Table the Resolution to a date specific to provide time to gather more information.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-188

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the Student-Soldier Mentoring Program is being developed to promote future leadership, educational initiatives and to harvest knowledge amongst individuals from academia, military, business and civic sectors in order to support the goals of student soldiers as they pursue their education; and

WHEREAS, White Sands Missile Range and Fort Bliss has played a significant role in the development of the Student-Soldier Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, an endorsement from the City of Las Cruces will serve as a catalyst in moving this effort forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT City Council supports the efforts of the Student-Soldier Mentoring Program.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Connor: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Thomas: _____



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January 6, 2010

Mr. Terrence R. Moore, City Manager
City of Las Cruces
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Dear Mr. Moore:

It was a pleasure meeting with you today to discuss our "Student-Soldier Mentoring" program and the possibility of a "Resolution of Support" by the City of Las Cruces. Your interest and visionary outlook are not only welcome, but a force that is so needed in today's world. I am confident that together we can move this initiative further forward than ever expected. With your leadership and willingness to assist, this drive will produce positive outcomes and become a model nation-wide.

I have cc'd a few individuals who, in the past, have shared their ideas, are forward-thinking and support this global initiative. We have Soldiers deployed around the world and with today's technological advances we have the opportunity to reach all of them.

I have also cc'd our military colleagues who will be the driving force on our military side. Their leadership is vital and we are so fortunate to have them as part of our team. All of these individuals are an inspiration and a focal point for the positive, humanistic change that is so needed right now. Elizabeth Kuder, a former graduate student of mine, wrote to me before she died, saying "you must continue to expand, the world is waiting."

"Vision is not seeing things as they are, but as they will be!" Hence, we need everyone involved to support the aspirations of student-Soldiers as they pursue their educational goals. Once student-Soldiers recognize and understand that we genuinely want to see them succeed and are committed to helping them, they will gain confidence and realize they can achieve anything they set out to do. This means mentoring and investing the time to ensure the success of all student-Soldiers.

Again, thanks for your leadership and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred J. Rodríguez".

Fred J. Rodríguez, Ph.D.
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