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| **S.1314-049R** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** October 23, 2013 |
| **SPONSORED BY:** Sen. Engwer | **COMMITTEE: N/A** |
| **SUBJECT: Resolution: Veterans In-State Tuition** | **COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A** |
| **SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent** | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT: Pass** |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

*Whereas,* veterans have surrendered their state residency affiliation to answer the Nation’s call, and;

*Whereas,* many former New York State residents have been classified as non-residents upon returning from the Military, and;

*Whereas,* recent changes in the Post 9/11 GI Bill pays only the net in-state tuition costs, and;

*Whereas,* the difference of approximately $10,000 in tuition expenses would be solely the veterans responsibility, and;

*Whereas,* military members have already proven a reliable, dependable, and dedicated work history, and;

*Whereas*, a current study shows the majority of veterans complete their degree on GI Bill benefits thus enhancing retention, completion and graduation rates, and;

*Whereas,* in-state tuition is not free tuition, it is a discount, which will attract more talent to NYS, increase school revenues, and enhance the student experience for all by encouraging veterans to come to attend our campuses, and;

*Whereas*, this has been a topic of discussion since August 2011, and a delay in action has caused much unnecessary hardship for those who have answered the call for our Nation,

*Therefore be it resolved*; that the SUNY Student Assembly agrees that SUNY should open the doors for our Nations Veterans and allow them the ‘in-state residency’ tuition, and;

*Be it further resolved,* that the University at Albany Student Association calls upon the SUNY Board of Trustees and the Legislators of New York State to adjust residency status of veterans to be treated as ‘in-state residents’ as soon as possible, and;

*Be it finally resolved,* that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the University at Albany Dr. Robert Jones, the SUNY Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Education Committee of the New York State Senate Senator John F. Flanagan, the Chair of the Higher Education Committee of the New York State Assembly Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, and the Albany Student Press.