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## **S.161 – Gounardes**

The CSEA strongly supports this resolution.

This resolution amends section 6 of article 5 of the constitution to allow all men and women who served in the armed forces to be eligible for civil service credits for appointments and promotions. Currently, only veterans who served in a time of war may receive civil service credits for their service.

Civil service credits provide recognition to veterans for their service to our country. This resolution would expand eligibility for these credits to the many veterans who served our nation honorably outside of specific times of war, including women who for many years could not serve in combat roles.

The dedicated men and women who have courageously served our country all deserve respect and recognition for their service. This constitutional amendment would provide greater fairness and parity for all veterans who honorably served our nation.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA strongly urges the passage of this resolution.

Respectively submitted,

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