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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Thursday, October 29, 2015                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Tom Barrett.

Members present: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Glardon, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, and Kosowski.

Members absent: None.

Representative Hooker moved to adopt the minutes from the Thursday, October 8, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HR 178 before the committee:

HR 178    (Barrett)                      A resolution to urge the U.S. Department of Defense to approve the Ambit Foundation request for use of facilities at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base to establish a Veteran Transitional Care Center.

John Cornack representing the Eisenhower Center, Jari Epstein and Bill Huggins, representing the Ambit Foundation, gave a presentation on the Veterans Care Transition Center Initiative at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

The Chair laid HB 4347 before the committee:

HB 4347    (Barrett)                      Holidays; other; "Blue Star Mothers Day"; designate as February 1.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4347, but did not wish to speak:

Lino Pretto, representing the Purple Heart.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion and Commanders Group.

Jack Devine, representing the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Lloyd Kramer and Sharon Kramer, representing the Blue Star Mothers.

Steve Kozera and Jason Allen, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Representative Glardon moved to report HB 4347, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Glardon, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, Kosowski.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HR 178.

Mark Sutton, representing the American Legion, testified with a neutral position on HR 178.

Representative Hooker moved to report HR 178, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Barrett, Hughes, Glardon, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge, Talabi, Kosowski.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Retired Command Sargent Major David L. Dunckel, representing Roush, gave a presentation on the Veterans Initiative Program and hiring veterans.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:20 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Kevin Gawronski  
Committee Clerk  
October 29, 2015  
50 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed