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**Summit County Councilman Frank C. Comunale
Introduces Legislation Supporting Veterans Initiative**

Summit County Council member Frank C. Comunale, District 4, will introduce legislation at the Sept. 28 regular Council meeting supporting the passage of state Issue 1, which will appear on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. If passed by Ohio voters, Issue 1 would allow the state to issue up to \$200 million in bonds to financially assist war veterans.

“I cannot stress enough the importance of voters passing this crucial issue,” Comunale said. “Many of our veterans are serving multiple tours, sacrificing everything and yet asking for nothing in return. Supporting Issue 1 will send a tangible message of solidarity to these heroes that they have our love and support.”

If approved, this legislation would pay a bonus to veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or the Persian Gulf \$100 for each month of service up to a total of \$1,000. Veterans who served elsewhere during those conflicts would receive \$50 a month up to a total of \$500. Family members of those killed in action would receive \$5,000 in addition to any other allowable compensation.

“Although no amount of money can heal the emotional and physical wounds suffered by our fighting men and women, these provisions would help ease their transition back into society,” Comunale said. “I urge our Summit County community to come together to support Issue 1 on November 3.”

Issue 1 stems from legislation approved earlier this year in both the Ohio House and Senate (Senate Joint Resolution 1). Council will consider the resolution at its September 28, 2009 regular meeting, where Mr. Comunale will be asking for first reading passage. Summit County Council meetings take place at 5:30 p.m. on the 7th Floor of the Ohio Building, located at 175 S. Main St. in Akron, OH.

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