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Senator Gobi Advocates Successfully for Funds to Improve the PFC Bresnahan Scouting and Community Center

BOSTON – As the Massachusetts Senate debates their funding proposal for the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** has been very active in working to secure funding for local projects in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex District. Among the initiatives she has been successful in advocating for this year is an inclusion of \$120,000 for improvements to the PFC William J. Bresnahan Scouting and Community Center in the town of Ashburnham.

"I was glad to gain the support of my Senate colleagues for this needed funding," remarked Senator Gobi. "It has been a labor of love for the committee to properly recognize the service and sacrifice of Pfc Bresnahan and I am hopeful that these funds will make it through the rest of the budget process and look forward to the Center opening. I also appreciate Rep. Zlotniks advocacy."

Created as a memorial to PFC William J. Bresnahan- an Ashburnham native who was killed in action while serving in the Marine Corp during Vietnam- the center serves as a permanent meeting place for the area's Boy and Girl Scout troops, with a commercial kitchen and meeting hall that is available for functions. PFC Bresnahan was an Eagle Scout, volunteer firefighter and avid sportsman before his death, and the progress to date on the memorial can be attributed to the many volunteers, local business, and Lion's Club members who wished to keep his memory strong and present.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors of the PFC William J. Bresnahan Scouting and Community Center, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts to secure funding for the final completion of the Center,” commented A.J Peterson, Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Center. “Our sincere thanks to all the legislators who have helped to get the funding to this stage in the approval process. A final approval by Governor Baker will improve the lives of both the youth and adult citizens of Ashburnham, Massachusetts.”

If approved, the funding will be used to further improvements at the center that have been ongoing for the past 15 years, with specific allocations improving handicap access and associated landscaping around the memorial area.

This amendment will be included in the Senate’s final version and subject to conference committee negotiations with the House of Representatives.

If you have any questions, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

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