

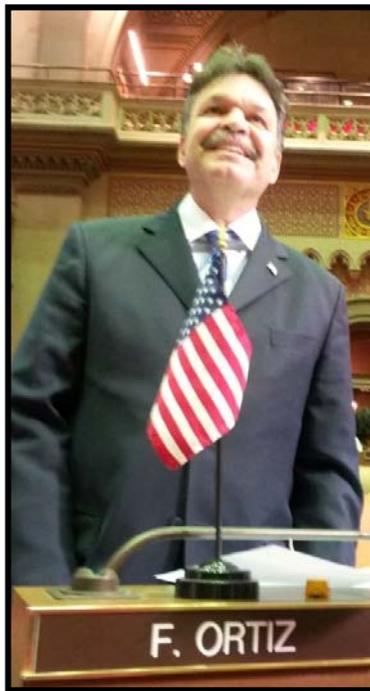
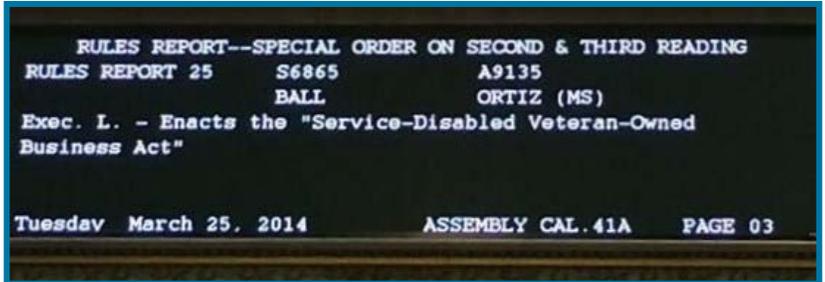


**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FELIX W. ORTIZ  
CHAIR, CITIES COMMITTEE  
CHAIR, PUERTO RICAN AND HISPANIC TASK FORCE**

Legislative Highlights through Friday March 28th, 2014

**Military Men and Women Win as Legislature Passes Bill Giving Returning Veterans Small Business Start Up Opportunities**

Assemblyman Felix Ortiz and Senator Greg Ball declared victory for New York Veterans this week as both houses of the Legislature passed their Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, which would set a 6% participation goal in the awarding of state contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.



*"Veterans and their families need to know that we appreciate their service and their sacrifices and they are not alone once they return home. Giving them an opportunity at success and financial stability is a moral obligation that New York State's government has embraced with open arms," said Assemblyman Felix W. Ortiz, Veteran.*

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand attended the Somos Conference this weekend where she spoke about her fight to protect all women against sexual harassment in the military.

At a rally in Albany this week, Assemblyman Ortiz spoke in support of placing a 30% rent cap for people with HIV and AIDS.



**Award Winning Actress Cynthia Nixon Lobbies for More Education Funding**

This week, Assemblyman Ortiz spoke with actress Cynthia Nixon at a press conference she held in Albany to urge the Governor to increase education funds in this year's state budget.



**TWU Local 100 Veterans Visit Assemblyman Ortiz**

TWU Local 100 members, led by President John Samuelsen, were in Albany this week to gather support for Assembly Bill 6974 which will allow veterans from all public service positions to obtain pension credit for military service. Assemblyman Ortiz pledged his unwavering support.

New York State Cold War Certificates are now available to New York residents who served in the military and were honorably discharged between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991. To request a certificate go to: <http://dmna.ny.gov/awards> or call 518-591-5296.

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