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Governor Signs Bill Formally Recognizing Service of Vietnam Vets

JEFFERSON CITY— Missouri is taking some long overdue steps to honor citizens who served in the Vietnam War. Last week, the governor signed into law House Bill 978, which was sponsored by Rep. Joe Smith in the House and handled by Senator Jack Goodman in the Senate. Sen. Goodman was instrumental in making sure this important piece of legislation received unanimous passage in the Senate.

The measure establishes the Vietnam War Medallion Program, which honors with a certificate and medallion veterans who were legal residents of Missouri when they served in the Vietnam War. Any spouse or eldest living survivor of a deceased veteran who is entitled to the medallion may receive it on behalf of the deceased veteran.

“Missourians who put their lives on the line in the Vietnam War did not do so for recognition, but rather to preserve freedom and security for Americans,” Goodman said. “Acknowledging their noble service with these tokens is the least we can do to officially express our gratitude for their heroism and commitment to this nation.”

This measure also creates the Vietnam War Veterans' Recognition Award Fund, to be used to solicit designs, manufacture and distribute the medallions, which will be awarded until the supply is exhausted. Applications for the medallions can be filed with the Office of the Adjutant General beginning January 2007.

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