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Bill to Honor Missouri's Fallen Heroes Moves to House

JEFFERSON CITY —Sen. Kevin Engler, R-Farmington, today announced that his bill to honor those Missouri residents that fell in combat has received final approval from the full Senate. Senate Bill 806 would require that the U.S. and Missouri state flags to be flown at half-staff whenever a Missouri resident is killed in combat during military service.

"The men and women who give their lives to protect our freedom are true heroes," said Sen. Engler. "With this bill, Missouri's fallen soldiers, guardsmen, sailors, airmen, and Marines get the honor they deserve."

Sen. Engler first decided to file the bill after a similar idea was suggested during one of his regular listening posts. Since September 11, 2001, there have been 93 Missouri military men and women that have lost their lives.

"Moving this bill through the legislative process and ultimately making it a law would be a way of honoring fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters that made the ultimate sacrifice for their country," said Sen. Engler. "I urge my colleagues in the House to lend their support to this legislation and get it passed."

Senate Bill 806 now moves to the House for approval.

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