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Lt. Governor Ramsey moves Veterans Medal of Honor through Senate Committee

(Nashville) – **Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey (R-Blountville)** today passed legislation through the Senate Government Operation Committee which would create the Veterans' Honor Medal program to recognize and honor Tennessee veterans. The bill would honor both active duty, National Guard and reserve component veterans based on criteria established by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“Tennesseans have a long volunteer tradition of service in time of war,” said Lt. Governor Ramsey. “We should recognize their sacrifice and celebrate military men and women of every branch.”

Lt. Governor Ramsey’s bill, Senate Bill 2488, directs the commissioner of veterans' affairs to establish a veterans' honor medal program. Veterans’ Affairs will commission the design of a medal for the program, to which gold or silver stars will be added to indicate that an armed forces member was killed or wounded in action.

Veterans as well as the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House will serve in an advisory role to the Commissioner of Veterans’ Affairs in the implementation of the medal program.

On the web:

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/senate/members/s2.html>

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/106/Bill/SB2488.pdf>

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