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**Veterans Honor Medal passes State
Senate unanimously**

Medal to honor veterans heard next week in the House

(Nashville) – Legislation sponsored by **Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey (R-Blountville)** to create a Veterans' Honor Medal program has cleared the state Senate with a unanimous vote. The medal would be awarded to honorably discharged active duty, National Guard and reserve component veterans based on criteria established by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

“The Volunteer State has a proud tradition of extremely high rates of military service,” said Lt. Governor Ramsey. “When our nation calls, Tennesseans respond. I look forward to working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to honor those who have sacrificed for our state and nation.”

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 which will be unveiled next year. The legislation passed the House State and Local Government Committee on Wednesday and will be heard by the House Budget Subcommittee on April 21st.

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>

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