

HB 673 -- NATIONAL GUARD RIBBONS AND AWARDS

SPONSOR: Largent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Adjutant General to present a Missouri National Guard Overseas Training Ribbon to individual members of the Missouri National Guard who have participated in training outside the United States for 10 or more cumulative days and a Missouri National Guard State Partnership Program Ribbon to a member of the Missouri National Guard who has participated on a state partnership program mission to a country with which Missouri has a federally recognized partnership.

The Governor, upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General, is authorized to present the Order of the Minuteman Award to a military or civilian individual who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service or achievement to the state or to the Missouri National Guard.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill authorizes this special recognition for members of the Missouri National Guard who have provided special service.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Largent.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.