

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1128

AN ACT

To amend chapters 9 and 41, RSMo, by adding thereto five new sections relating to military honors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapters 9 and 41, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto five new sections, to be known as sections 9.085, 9.086, 41.595, 41.596, and 41.597, to read as follows:

9.085. In recognition of the courage and unwavering patriotism of those valiant men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served during the Vietnam Conflict, March thirtieth of each year shall be known and designated as "Vietnam Veterans Day" in Missouri. The citizens of the state of Missouri are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate events, activities, and remembrances in honor of the veterans who bravely fought, served, and sacrificed during the Vietnam Conflict and returned home to no parades, ceremonies, or public celebrations to welcome them in gratitude for their courageous service given and sacrifices made on behalf of our nation.

9.086. In recognition of the courage and unwavering patriotism of those valiant men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Desert Storm, and all future military operations within the Iraq and Afghanistan

1 regions, March twenty-sixth of each year shall be known and
2 designated as "Veterans of Operation Iraq/Enduring Freedom Day"
3 in Missouri. The citizens of the state of Missouri are
4 encouraged to observe the day with appropriate events,
5 activities, and remembrances in honor of the veterans who bravely
6 fought, served, and sacrificed during the military operations in
7 Iraq and Afghanistan and in gratitude for their courageous
8 service given and sacrifices made on behalf of our nation.

9 41.595. The adjutant general of Missouri is hereby
10 authorized to present, in the name of the state of Missouri, a
11 Missouri national guard overseas training ribbon, which shall be
12 of suitable design, as may be determined by the governor, to
13 individual members of the Missouri national guard who have
14 participated for training, either with a unit or as an
15 individual, outside of the continental United States border for
16 ten or more cumulative days. The period of eligibility is on or
17 after July 11, 1984, to a future date to be determined by the
18 adjutant general of Missouri. For each additional award, the
19 respective number will be fastened to the ribbon, starting with
20 two.

21 41.596. The adjutant general of Missouri is hereby
22 authorized to present, in the name of the state of Missouri, a
23 Missouri national guard state partnership program ribbon, which
24 shall be of suitable design, as may be determined by the
25 governor, to members of the Missouri national guard who have
26 participated on a state partnership program mission, either with
27 a unit or as an individual, to countries to which Missouri has a
28 federally recognized partnership. The area of eligibility

1 encompasses all land area of the country, the contiguous water
2 area out to twelve nautical miles, and all air spaces above the
3 land area and above the contiguous water area out to twelve
4 nautical miles. The period of eligibility is on or after
5 February 13, 1996, to a future date to be determined by the
6 adjutant general of Missouri or the cessation of the state
7 partnership program. Not more than one Missouri state
8 partnership program ribbon shall be awarded or presented under
9 the provisions of this section for succeeding participation in
10 the same country. A bronze star shall be awarded for each
11 additional country.

12 41.597. The governor is hereby authorized, upon
13 recommendation of the adjutant general of Missouri, to present,
14 in the name of the state of Missouri, the order of the minuteman
15 award. The order of the minuteman award shall be awarded to
16 those individuals, military or civilian, who have distinguished
17 themselves by exceptionally meritorious services and achievements
18 to the state of Missouri or the Missouri national guard and the
19 office of the adjutant general. The order of the minuteman award
20 shall consist of a medal, ribbon, lapel pin, and citation or
21 plaque. The order of the minuteman award is the only state
22 military decoration to be worn around the neck rather than pinned
23 to a uniform. Not more than one order of the minuteman award
24 shall be awarded or presented under the provisions of this
25 section to any one person and no more than five order of the
26 minuteman awards shall be issued in a calendar year. In the
27 event of the death of any person who would be entitled to the
28 order of the minuteman award, the same may be presented to the

1 surviving primary next of kin. The order of the minuteman award,
2 ribbon, lapel pin, certificate, and plaque shall be of such form
3 and design as determined by the adjutant general of the state.