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Representative Charlie Denison Thanks Missouri Veterans

Denison Announces Legislation to Create Committee to Study Military Affairs

Jefferson City- Today, as people across the nation observe Veterans Day, Representative Charlie Denison (R-Springfield) is calling on the Missouri General Assembly to renew its support for current and former members of the military by looking at ways to further assist our active and retired military and their families.

“I believe Veterans Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices that the brave men and women in uniform have made and I want to thank these heroes for their service,” Denison stated. “With our nation currently involved in two major wars, we must be continually looking at ways to help our military whether they are overseas or here in Missouri .”

In recent years, the Missouri legislature has taken a number of steps to assist active and retired military. The General Assembly has passed measures that have reduced tuition for combat veterans, created education grants for the family members of those killed in action, and, just this year, passed a military retirement income tax deduction that, by 2016, will make military retirement income one-hundred percent tax deductible.

“While I am proud of the positive changes that have been made in recent years, it is imperative that we continue to uphold our obligation to Missouri ’s bravest by providing assistance to members of the military and support for their families,” Denison said. “Today, I am proud to announce that I will be filing legislation to create the Joint Committee on Military Affairs.”

This legislation, which will be filed on December 1st, the first day of filing for the 2010 Legislative Session, would give members of the legislature an opportunity to assess the current state of military affairs in Missouri . The Committee’s recommendations would then be submitted in a report to the General Assembly.

“This extremely important bill will allow the legislature to look at ways to further help our military and their families,” Denison said. “We must always ensure that we are providing these brave men and women with the support that they deserve as they heroically serve our state and our nation.”