

HB 1496 -- MILITARY MEDAL PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program". This Program awards medallions, medals, and certificates of appreciation to a veteran that is a resident of this state, honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time between October 7, 2001, and August 30, 2021, and was honorably separated and discharged from military service.

This bill is similar to HB 836 (2023)

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is another way for us to show our appreciation for those who served our country.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Griffith; Halle Herbert, Department Of Public Safety; and Nick Humphrey, Missouri National Guard.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.