



ALASKA STATE COUNCIL

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Members of the House and Senate

REF: HB 61

Authorizing DMV license plates recognizing medals for valor

Just a quick note to let you all know that the Alaska State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America and our members across Alaska strongly supports this legislation allowing those few who are awarded medals of valor for combat actions the opportunity to display such awards on their Alaska state license plates.

For many of us who have served in combat there are moments we like to remember and many we choose to forget. In the face of danger to our lives, some take extraordinary actions that often save many lives. Having the State of Alaska allow license plates that continue to recognize these actions of valor is recognition by our state of those who made a choice most often putting themselves in danger.

We would ask for the support of all members of our State Legislature for this bill and we want to express our thanks to the sponsor and cosponsors of this legislation for putting this forward.

It is important to remember. It is just as important for those who never serve to recognize those who did and those few who step up and walk through that door into hell.

It is an honor,


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Molly Carver

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 12:46 PM
To: Molly Carver
Subject: Bronze Star

Representative Les Gara

This letter is in support of HB 61

I was contacted by an Afghanistan veteran Chris Thomas about his count on asking the Alaska DMV for a Bronze Star license plate for his vehicle. He was told that there is no such plate available in our state. I searched the Internet and found that Several states have this plate available for there Bronze Star recipients for there valor in combat while serving in our armed forces of the United States. I contacted Representative Les Gara and he offered to work on getting this for our Veterans. Les has represented the needs of our veterans any time he was ask and we thank him for that. It is important to recognize or veterans for the freedom they gave us each and everyday of our lives. This Bronze Star license plate will help bring closure and install the pride back to our Veterans.

Thank You for your diligent help in restoring the pride Back to or Veterans by making it possible to obtain this Bronze Starr license plate.

Laurence Gordaoff
Alaska Native Veterans
Sent from my iPhone