

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2012

3 As Amended

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1814

5 By: Newberry, Brinkley, Allen,
6 Brown, David, Garrison and
7 Treat of the Senate

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9 Banz of the House

10 An Act relating to military service; creating the
11 Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor; specifying
12 conditions for awarding certain medal; providing for
13 eligibility; specifying nominating requirements;
14 directing the Adjutant General to perform certain
15 duties; providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 50.26 of Title 72, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor shall be awarded to a
22 member of the state or federal military forces who voluntary
23 performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice during combat
24 after September 11, 2001, that resulted in his or her loss of life.

25 B. The Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor shall be awarded based
26 on the standard of extraordinary merit. The medal shall be awarded
27 only on incontestable proof.

1 C. To be eligible for the Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor, a
2 person shall have been:

3 1. Born in this state, a resident of this state on the person's
4 death, or a resident of this state when the person entered military
5 service; and

6 2. Killed in the line of duty in a combat zone or died of
7 wounds inflicted in a combat zone.

8 D. A person shall not be ineligible for the Oklahoma **Gold Star**
9 Medal of Honor because the person received any other medal or award
10 for military service, including a medal or award made by the United
11 States.

12 E. To receive the Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor, a person
13 shall be nominated by a member of the Oklahoma Legislature and
14 approved by the Adjutant General.

15 F. Pursuant to Section 192 of Title 44 of the Oklahoma
16 Statutes, the Adjutant General shall design the medallion and ribbon
17 for the Oklahoma **Gold Star** Medal of Honor and shall be responsible
18 for awarding the medal to persons who have been approved by the
19 Adjutant General pursuant to subsection E of this section.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS, dated
22 2-22-12 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.