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## News Release

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder Signs Legislation Honoring Service of Missouri's Fallen Military Heroes**

**ST. JOSEPH** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today signed legislation honoring the service of Missouri's fallen military heroes by requiring that all flags at state facilities be flown at half-staff for one day in remembrance of their service to a grateful state and nation.

"It is because of the men and women who wear the uniforms of our nation's Armed Forces that our country is the leader in defending freedom when attacked and helping countries begin the process of becoming a democratic nation where all men and women are equal," Lt. Governor Kinder said. "This legislation will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices that our Armed Forces continue to make defending our freedom and security."

Senate Bill 806, sponsored by Sen. Kevin Engler, requires that all flags at state facilities be flown at half-staff when a Missouri member of our nation's Armed Forces is killed in the line of duty. The Missouri Veterans Commission will be responsible of notifying the governor of the deaths. The governor will determine the day the flags will be lowered to honor the fallen military hero.

"Each time the U.S. and Missouri flags are flown at half-staff, it signals that our state has lost an exceptional individual," said Senator Engler. The signing of this legislation allows us to show that with each Missouri son, daughter, mother, or father killed while serving, we are there to honor them and help mourn their loss."

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