

## **HR2476 – Providing for the Silver and Bronze Star Distinctive License Plates**

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Awarded Bronze Star Medal for actions in combat.

Many States allow decorated combat veterans to be honored via the display of clearly identifiable distinctive license plates. Surrounding States allow Silver and Bronze Star awardees to display such information with such distinctive license plate display. I have displayed a veteran license plate on my personal vehicle since it was made available. This includes the display of the small Bronze Star ribbon decal in the upper left corner of my plate. Not many people know what the Silver Star or Bronze Star ribbon looks like or what it symbolizes.

I am proud of my service and performance of duties to our nation and my community. Because I am aware of the vast number and wide range of other distinctive license plates permitted in the State of Kansas as a former rural patrol deputy with the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office, I asked consideration of providing for these license plates for a decorated combat veteran from Kansas to display on his vehicle.