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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to a Massachusetts Fallen Heroes license plate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*
Linda Campbell	*15th Essex*
John Hart, Jr.	*First Suffolk*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1701) of Michael F. Rush, Linda Campbell, John Hart, Jr., James J. Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to a Massachusetts Fallen Heroes license plate. Transportation.

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An Act relative to a Massachusetts Fallen Heroes license plate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following subsection:-

(d) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owners of private passenger motor vehicles distinctive registration plates which shall display on their face the silhouette of a soldier, a soldiers' cross, and gold star with the words "Honor Their Sacrifice", to honor men and women who have died in the service of the United States. There shall be a fee of not less than $50 for such plates in addition to the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles, which shall be payable at the time of registration of the vehicle and at each renewal thereof. One "Honor Their Sacrifice" license plate may be issued free of charge to the parent, child, sibling or spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces killed in action. The portion of the total fee remaining after the deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of such plates shall be deposited in a registry retained revenue account. Of the remaining portion of such fee 75 per cent shall be directed to the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund, Inc., to be distributed by said fund at its discretion for the benefit of the construction and maintenance of the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial, veterans memorials, and fallen heroes memorials throughout the Commonwealth; 12.5 per cent shall be directed to Massachusetts Fallen Heroes and Veterans Scholarship Fund and shall be distributed by said fund at its discretion to benefit veterans of the global war on terrorism and Gold Star siblings with educational assistance; 12.5 per cent shall be directed to the Massachusetts veteran and war memorials commission and distributed by said fund at its discretion for the upkeep, maintenance, and repair of all veterans and war memorials within the commonwealth.