

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John A. Hart, Jr.

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 bill:

An Act to Establish a Military Service Scholarship Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

John A. Hart, Jr.

First Suffolk

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

12th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02132 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

1 SECTION 1. . Section 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following paragraph:

3 There shall be a Military Service Scholarship Program pursuant to section 16 of chapter 15A of
4 the General Laws to provide full scholarships to the children, siblings or widowed spouses of
5 Massachusetts servicemen and servicewomen, who are killed or die or are severely disabled from
6 injuries received while in the performance of duties including authorized training duty; to
7 children, siblings or widowed spouses of prisoners of war or military or service persons missing
8 in action in any foreign land, including but not limited to, Iraq and Afghanistan, whose wartime
9 service is credited to the commonwealth and whose service was Between September eleven two
10 thousand one, and the termination of both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaign; to the children,
11 siblings and widowed spouses of veterans whose service was credited to the commonwealth and
12 who were killed in action or otherwise died as a result of such service. Such scholarships shall be
13 awarded by the council pursuant to its guidelines established to govern this program and shall go
14 to those persons referenced above who are admitted to an institution of higher education in the
15 commonwealth to pursue undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited
16 to, a waiver of mandatory fees, tuition, books, room and board, or other school mandated related
17 expenses.