

Department of Defense Recognizes Rep. Sloan

Ms. Rosemary Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy presented Rep. Tom Sloan (R-Lawrence) a Certificate of Appreciation for sponsoring and passing HB 2078 during the 2013 Kansas Legislative Session. HB 2078 authorized state licensing and certification agencies to recognize education and training programs offered by the military services when state agencies evaluated credentialing applications.

“Civilian licensing agencies seldom recognize professional courses taught by the military because different terminologies, and certificate forms are used,” Sloan said. “The Department of Defense training meets national and state licensing standards, so directing state agencies to recognize the certificates and military programs is appropriate. It also means that Kansas will have more trained health care providers, mechanics, and other professionals.”

The Certificate gratefully acknowledges Rep. Sloan “for his leadership on public policy changes positively impacting the quality of life of Service members and their families.” HB 2078 is nationally leading legislation related to military personnel transitioning to civilian professions and is being used as a model for other state legislatures to consider.

Rep. Sloan is a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures’ (NCSL) Military & Veteran Affairs Task Force and was previously cited for initiating a telemedicine partnership linking Kansas and Veterans Affairs hospitals. He is serving his 10th term in the Kansas House of Representatives and is Chairman of the Vision 2020 Committee.

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