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Price of Liberty War Memorial Unveiled at Capitol

AUSTIN- On Saturday, Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) attended the official unveiling of the Price of Liberty Monument outside the Capitol grounds. The monument honors the sacrifices made by the veterans of the Global War on Terror and their families. Senator Taylor sponsored HCR 70 in the 2015 legislative session which allowed for the construction and installation of the monument.

The Price of Liberty Monument is the product of two years of fundraising and advocacy led by Colonel James Stryker and Major General Joy Stevens. It depicts Lady Liberty leading a soldier away from his family and includes a hollow base in which military families have placed dog tags and other mementos honoring loved ones who have passed away in service to their country.

Of the completion of the monument, Senator Taylor stated, "The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have shaped our nation and our great state for the past sixteen years. Over 600 Texans have lost their lives fighting in the Global War on Terror, and while this monument certainly does not fully express our gratitude to our military men and women, it will stand as a memorial and place of respite for many years to come. It has been an absolute privilege to play a small role in the creation of this memorial. I want to thank the Texas War Memorial Committee, Colonel Stryker, and General Stevens for their passion and vision, and I want to thank our military service members and their families for protecting the freedoms and liberty of all Texans."

Senator Larry Taylor is a lifelong Texan and Baylor University graduate raised in Friendswood. He and his wife Kerri have three adult children and two grandchildren. Senator Taylor owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency in Friendswood, an independent agency started by his father 55 years ago. Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Senator Taylor represents Senate District 11, comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties.

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