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**Senator Donna Campbell Makes Veterans Legislation a Priority,
Passes Four Bills Out of the Texas Senate**

AUSTIN, TX - Senator Donna Campbell (R-New Braunfels) continued her campaign for Texas Veterans, moving four bills through the Senate and on to the House that provide targeted assistance in employment, higher education, homestead taxes, and mental health.

SB 805, authored by Sen. Campbell, provides veterans employment preferences in state agencies by giving state agencies clear priority for hiring disabled veterans and ensuring that agencies consider veterans in their interview pool. It also requires a Veteran Liaison be created for large agencies. The bill unanimously passed the Senate.

"Veterans bring a wide range of skills to the civilian job market through their military training. However, there is often a disconnect between military experience and the terminology used in state job postings. This bill will ensure that state agencies look deeper into a veteran's experience to credit them with the knowledge and training gained while in military service," Campbell said.

SB 806 establishes the College Credit for Heroes program. Initiated as a pilot program during the 2011 legislative session, the program directly translates military training and skills into college credit hours at Texas institutions of higher education. The marked success of the program has led to its preservation past its expiration date of 2013, a continuation which SB 806 will now legislatively require.

"It is respectful of our veterans' time and talents and an efficient use of taxpayer dollars to offer college credit for skills achieved while in military service," said Senator Campbell. "This program assists veterans in advancing quickly through their college careers and into fields where they can fill workforce positions that are in high demand."

Additionally, SB 833 and SB 832, providing homestead tax relief and veteran mental health support, passed the Senate unanimously and head to the House.

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