

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Candelora Votes in Favor of Gold Star Plate Bill**



HARTFORD- State Representative Vincent Candelora (R-North Branford) today voted in favor of legislation that eliminates the fee for the Gold Star Family license plate, which the legislature authorized in 2007 for immediate relatives of state residents killed in action while performing active military duty with the U. S. Armed Forces.

Candelora noted that current law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge a fee to cover the cost of making the plates, in addition to the normal registration fee. The current plate fee is \$ 10.

“This bill, while making a very small financial gesture, extends respect from the state to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation,” said Candelora.

It is estimated that the measure would have a fiscal impact of less than \$1,000.

The bill, HB 5044, had passed the Transportation and Veterans’ Affairs Committees unanimously and also passed the House this afternoon 134-0. It now heads to the State Senate for action there.

The 2008 session of the Connecticut General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn at midnight on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.