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To enact section 4503.546 of the Revised Code to
create "Gold Star Family" license plates.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4503.546 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 4503.546. (A) Any member of the immediate family of a
person who died in a combat zone while a member of any branch of
the armed forces of the United States may apply to the registrar
of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car,
noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a
class approved by the registrar that the family member owns or
leases and for issuance of "gold star family" license plates for
that motor vehicle. The application for "gold star family" license
plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised
Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance
with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to
the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set of "gold

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star family" license plates with a validation sticker, or a 18
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 19
Revised Code. 20

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 21
on the license plates, "gold star family" license plates shall be 22
inscribed with a gold star and the words "gold star family." "Gold 23
star family" license plates shall bear county identification 24
stickers that identify the county of registration by name or 25
number. 26

(B) "Gold star family" license plates and a validation 27
sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be 28
issued upon submission by the applicant of an application for 29
registration of a motor vehicle under this section, payment of the 30
regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the 31
Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 32
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee 33
prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and 34
an additional fee of ten dollars, and compliance with all other 35
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 36

(C) The additional fee of ten dollars described in division 37
(B) of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 38
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in 39
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall 40
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 41
state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund 42
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 43

(D) No person who is not a member of the immediate family of 44
a person who died in a combat zone while a member of any branch of 45
the armed forces of the United States shall willfully and falsely 46
represent that the person is such a family member for the purpose 47
of obtaining license plates under this section. 48

<u>(E) As used in this section, "member of the immediate family"</u>	49
<u>of a person who died in a combat zone while a member of any branch</u>	50
<u>of the armed forces of the United States means all of the</u>	51
<u>following:</u>	52
<u>(1) A spouse;</u>	53
<u>(2) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco</u>	54
<u>parentis;</u>	55
<u>(3) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by</u>	56
<u>adoption;</u>	57
<u>(4) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild.</u>	58