

NASVH worked with Senator John Ensign of Nevada to get our Gold Star Parents Bill (S 1450) introduced in the Senate. The bill changed the definition of a Gold State Parent, for admission to a state veterans home, from a parent who must have lost “all” their children in wartime service to a parent who has lost “a” child to wartime service. Senator Ensign solicited the support of Representative Mac Thornberry of Texas who introduced a companion bill in the House (HR 4505). HR 4505 passed the House on June 30th by a vote of 420-0. It passed the Senate on September 20th by Unanimous Consent. The Bill was quietly signed into law by President Barrack Obama on September 30, 2010. The Bill became Public Law 111-246. <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-4505>