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State Representative Gary Banz, (R) Midwest City, was named this week as Vice Chair of the House of Representatives Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. House Speaker Todd Hiatt, (R) Kellyville, released the slate of officials who will serve the next two years in leadership positions of the standing committees for the House of Representatives. New committee chairs and vice-chairs will serve the next two years in the 50th legislature which convenes its regular sessions on Monday, February 7, 2005.

“Speaker Hiatt expressed the need to have someone on the committee who has military experience as well as someone who represents a district whose constituents are vitally interested in military and veterans’ issues,” said Banz. “I am honored to be selected for this important assignment.”

Representative Banz, one of 39 freshmen representatives in the House, won the primary election on July 27 to represent District 101 which includes eastern Midwest City and portions of Nicoma Park, Choctaw, and southeast Oklahoma City. Banz took the oath of office and began official duties on Tuesday, November 16.