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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. While war deaths have been part of the United
2 States' heritage since its birth, the State of Hawaii has not
3 instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen
4 servicepersons. House Resolution 546 of the 112th Congress
5 designates the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and
6 Remember, Inc., to officially recognize and honor fallen members
7 of the armed forces. United States Representative J. Randy
8 Forbes of Virginia introduced this resolution on February 8,
9 2011, and it was referred to the House Committee on the
10 Judiciary. Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina,
11 Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, and Virginia have adopted
12 similar legislation.

13 The purpose of this Act is to designate the Honor and
14 Remember Flag as a symbol for the State of Hawaii to officially
15 recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces. The red
16 field of the Honor and Remember Flag represents the brave men
17 and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The blue star
18 is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates



1 back to World War I. The gold star of the Honor and Remember
 2 Flag signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active
 3 service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the
 4 life given. The flame of the Honor and Remember Flag symbolizes
 5 the eternal spirit of the departed. The white border of the
 6 Honor and Remember Flag recognizes the purity of sacrifice.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
 8 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
 9 read as follows:

10 "§5- Honor and remember flag. The honor and remember
 11 flag is adopted, established, and designated as the State's
 12 emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of
 13 the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the
 14 line of duty."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Honor and Remember Flag

Description:

Designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the State's emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty.

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