

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1012

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the honor and remember flag as the designated symbol of South Dakota's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering all members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives while serving, or as a result of service, and their families.

WHEREAS, the honor and remember flag is a flag with a red and white background and features an eternal flame inset to a yellow star with a blue border and features the words, "honor and remember." A folded flag showing blue stars lies below the star; and

WHEREAS, the honor and remember flag's red background represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom, and the flag's white field and border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of life given. The folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen service member and a family's sacrifice. The flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and

WHEREAS, the honor and remember flag is a unifying symbol recognizing this nation's solemn debt to the estimated one million six hundred thousand fallen service members throughout history and the families and communities who mourn their loss:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the honor and remember flag is designated as South Dakota's emblem of service and sacrifice by the men and women of the armed forces who have died while serving, and that the honor and remember flag be displayed to remember that sacrifice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourages the display of the honor and remember flag on all state and national holidays.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

February 18, 2014
February 20, 2014

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