

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MILITARY & VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE CARL GATTO, CHAIR

Committee Members

Rep. John Harris
Rep. Bob Lynn
Rep. Tammie Wilson
Rep. Jay Ramras
Rep. Bob Buch
Rep. Scott Kawasaki



State Capitol Building, Room 108
Juneau AK 99801-1182
907-465-3743
907-465-2381 Fax
Rep_Carl_Gatto@legis.state.ak.us

Sponsor Statement

HJR 53
Honor and Remember Flag

In the more than 200 years of our nation's history, there has never been an officially-recognized symbol that reminds us daily of the sacrifices made by members of our military who lost their lives in service to our country.

The **Honor and Remember Flag**, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., recognizes all individuals who died while serving our nation, not only those killed in action, but all who have died in the line of duty. The flag serves as a symbol of national gratitude for the over 1,600,000 American men and women who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. The flag also helps to give closure to the thousands of families that deserve recognition for the sacrifice of a lost loved one.

An objective of the organization, Honor and Remember, Inc., is to place an Honor and Remember Flag in the hands of the immediate families who have lost someone in military service to America.

H.R. 1034 is a bill in Congress to designate the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty. **HJR 53** urges our Congress to enact a law officially recognizing the Honor and Remember Flag.

Contact: Karen Sawyer
465-5025
March 18, 2010
26-LS1579\R