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Urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 1034, designating the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the line of duty.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, even though war deaths have been a part of the heritage of the United States since the birth of the nation, the United States has yet to adopt an official symbol that commemorates fallen members of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS H.R. 1034, introduced in the 111th Congress, designates the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., to officially recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS the red field on the Honor and Remember Flag represents the blood spilled by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom; and

WHEREAS the blue star on the Honor and Remember Flag, which originated during World War I, symbolizes active service in military conflict, from the American Revolution up to the present day; and

WHEREAS the white border on the Honor and Remember Flag represents the purity of sacrifice; and

WHEREAS the gold star on the Honor and Remember Flag signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of a life given; and

WHEREAS the folded flag element on the Honor and Remember Flag signifies the final tribute to a fallen member of the armed forces and highlights a family's sacrifice; and

WHEREAS the flame on the Honor and Remember Flag symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the call to designate the Honor and Remember Flag as a unifying symbol that recognizes the nation's solemn debt to the estimated 1,600,000 fallen members of the armed forces of the United States throughout the history of the nation and that honors the families and communities who mourn their loss; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the 111th United States Congress to pass H.R. 1034, designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the official symbol to recognize and honor members of the armed forces of the United States who died in the line of duty.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.