

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Introduced: 3/10/10

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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