

House Concurrent Resolution No.

WHEREAS, while war deaths have been a part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, the United States has not instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen servicepersons; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1034 was introduced in the 111th Congress designating the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official recognition and in honor of fallen members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The flag's white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice. 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 the life given. The folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen serviceperson 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 1.6 million fallen servicepersons throughout history and the families and communities who mourn their loss:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the State of Missouri'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 and urges the United States Congress to enact a similar resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri Veterans Commission and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

Offered by Representative Charlie Davis