

HB 983 -- DISPLAY OF FLAGS

SPONSOR: Meadows

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill requires the United States and the Missouri state flags to be flown at half-staff on all government buildings on September 11 of each year.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that we continue to incur losses as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. There are no longer formal observances of September 11 and lowering the flags to half-staff will keep the memory of that day, and those who died, alive.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Meadows; Marine Corps League, Department of Missouri; Missouri Veterans Commission; Military Officers Association of America, State Council; Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; American Legion, Department of Missouri; and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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