



RESOLUTION NO. 2010-001

Pre-filed February 8, 2010 by David Caswell, American Legion Riders Alaska, Treasurer
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Designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the American Legion Riders Alaska emblem recognizing the service and sacrifice by our brave sons and daughters in service to our nation, of the United States Armed Forces, who have given freely of their lives in the line of duty.

WHEREAS; while war deaths, exceeding one million, have been a part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, the United States has never instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen servicepersons; and

WHEREAS; Congressman Randy Forbes has introduced House Resolution No. 1034 to the 111th Congress, which proposes to change Chapter 9 of Title 36 of the United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., to officially recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flags' red field represents the blood spilled by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS; the Honor and Remember Flags' blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; and

WHEREAS; the Honor and Remember Flags' white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and

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

WHEREAS; the Honor and Remember Flags' folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and

WHEREAS; the Honor and Remember Flags' eternal flame element symbolizes the spirit that lives on in memory of the departed; and

WHEREAS; the Members of American Legion Riders Alaska call for a unifying symbol recognizing this nation's solemn debt to Honor the selfless sacrifice and Remember them

individually by name, the estimated 1.6 million fallen servicepersons throughout history, and the families and communities who mourn their loss; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Members here assembled, that the Honor and Remember Flag be designated as the American Legion Riders Alaska's emblem of service and sacrifice of our brave sons and daughters in the United States Armed Forces who have freely given their lives in the line of duty; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the American Legion Riders Alaska transmit a copy of this resolution to the American Legion Department of Alaska for favorable consideration, and

FINALLY RESOLVED, that we also request that the Department of Alaska disseminate copies of this resolution to the National Office so that they may be apprised of the sense of the Members of the American Legion Riders Alaska in this matter.