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HOUSE BILL ***1249***

AN ACT relative to the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the armed forces.

SPONSORS: Rep. Testerman, Merr. 2

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill adopts the national Honor and Remember Flag as the official symbol of the state of New Hampshire to recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

AN ACT relative to the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the armed forces.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that:

I. Since the Revolutionary War, more than 1,000,000 members of the United States Armed Forces have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives in the line of duty.

II. The contributions of those fallen members of the Armed Forces are deserving of national recognition.

III. Currently, there is no officially recognized symbol that solely acknowledges members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty.

2 New Sections; Honor and Remember Flag. Amend RSA 3 by inserting after section 3-b the following new sections:

3:3-c Official Adoption of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., is hereby adopted as this state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives while serving or as a result of service to our country.

3:3-d Display of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag shall be displayed by the state daily at the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery in Boscawen, above the state house in Concord immediately below the state flag on a day designated by the governor when there is a New Hampshire member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and on the following days:

I. Armed Forces Day, May 18.

II. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

III. Independence Day, July 4.

IV. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday of September.

V. National Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

VI. Veterans Day, November 11.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.