

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 258
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 13, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 28, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 28, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the pledge of allegiance to the state flag during a
1-9 state flag retirement ceremony.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 3100.152, Government
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (d) The official retirement ceremony for the state flag
1-14 encouraged for public use is:

1-15 I am your Texas flag!

1-16 I was born January 25, 1839.

1-17 I am one of only two flags of an American state that has also
1-18 served as the symbol of an independent nation--The Republic
1-19 of Texas.

1-20 While you may honor me in retirement, the spirit I represent
1-21 will never retire!

1-22 I represent the spirit of Texas--Yesterday, Today, and
1-23 Tomorrow!

1-24 I represent the bravery of the Alamo and the Victory at San
1-25 Jacinto.

1-26 My spirit rode with the Texas Rangers over the Forts Trail of
1-27 the Big Country and herded cattle through the Fort Worth
1-28 stockyards. I have sailed up Galveston Bay and kept a
1-29 watchful eye over our El Paso del Norte.

1-30 My colors are in the waters of the Red River and in the
1-31 Bluebonnets of the Texas Hill Country.

1-32 You'll find my spirit at the Light House of Palo Duro and in
1-33 the sands of Padre Island;

1-34 I am in the space station at Houston and atop the oil wells of
1-35 West Texas.

1-36 From the expanse of the Big Bend to the Riverwalk of San
1-37 Antone--all of Texas is my home!

1-38 I wave over the cotton and grain fields of the High Plains,
1-39 and I am deep in the rich soil of the Rio Grande Valley.

1-40 I am proudly displayed under the Capitol Dome, and I fly high
1-41 above the concrete canyons of downtown Dallas.

1-42 You'll find my spirit in the East Texas piney woods and along
1-43 the Grandeur of the Rio Grande.

1-44 I represent Texas--every Child, Woman, and Man!

1-45 The blue field in me stands for the valor of our ancestors in
1-46 the battles for our country.

1-47 Let us retire the blue--Salute!

1-48 My white field stands for the purity in all our Texas hearts!

1-49 It represents the honor that each of us should pay to our
1-50 state each day.

1-51 Let us retire the white--Salute!

1-52 The red is for all of the men and women who have died in
1-53 service of our state--whether as members of the armed
1-54 services or as citizen Samaritans.

1-55 Let us retire the red--Salute!

1-56 My lone, independent star is recognized worldwide because it
1-57 represents ALL of Texas and stands for our unity as one for
1-58 God, State, and Country.

1-59 Let us retire the lone star--Salute!

1-60 Join in the pledge to the Texas flag:

1-61 "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,
1-62 one state under God, one and indivisible."

1-63 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-64 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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