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H.B. No. 150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of flags at half-staff at state buildings to honor service members killed in action.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 443.024, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The flag of the State of Texas and the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the Capitol building on the days specified by Section 2165.0061.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.0061 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.0061. DISPLAY OF FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF. The state flag and the flag of the United States shall be displayed at half-staff at each state office building on the death of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was a resident of this state and who was killed in action. The flags shall be displayed at half-staff for one day following the date the person's family is notified of the person's death. The office of the governor shall notify state agencies, including the State Preservation Board, of the days on which flags shall be flown at half-staff under this section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.