

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 3077

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to display of the Honor and Remember flag.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle I, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.006.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.006.1 DISPLAY OF HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG. (a) In this section, "Honor and Remember flat" means the Honor and Remember, Inc. flag.

(b) The Honor and Remember flag shall be displayed at each state office building on:

(1) The third Saturday in May, "Armed Forces Day";

(2) the last Monday in May, "Memorial Day";

(3) the 14th day in June, "Flag Da";

(4) the fourth day of July, "Independence Day";

(5) the 11th day of November, "Veterans Day";

(6) National POW/MIA Recognition Day;

(7) the last Sunday in September, "Gold Star Mother's Day"; and

(8) Whenever there is a state military casualty.

SECTION 2. The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the symbol of our State's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives while serving or as a result of service and their families.

1 SECTION 3. The Honor and Remember flag's red field
2 represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed
3 their lives for freedom and the flag's white field and border
4 recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The flag's blue star is a
5 symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to
6 World War I. The flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice
7 of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and
8 reflects the value of the life given. The folded flag element
9 highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen service member
10 and a family's sacrifice. The flag's flame symbolizes the eternal
11 spirit of the departed.

12 SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the
13 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
14 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
15 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
16 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
17 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
18 passage, and it is so enacted.