

AN ACT

relating to display of the Honor and Remember flag.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.0065 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.0065. DISPLAY OF HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG.

(a) In this section, "Honor and Remember flag" means the Honor and Remember, Inc., flag.

(b) The Honor and Remember flag may be displayed at each state office building, at the State Cemetery under Section 2165.256, and at each veterans cemetery managed by the Veterans' Land Board on:

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

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

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

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

(5) any date on which a resident of this state is killed while serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

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

1 service and their families.

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

12           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1373 passed the Senate on April 11, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 24, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 26, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1373 passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 3, two present not voting; May 25, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor