

By: Hinojosa

S.B. No. 1373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the 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 2165.0061 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.0061. 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 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 of June, "Flag Day";

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

(5) the third Friday in September, "National POW/MIA Recognition Day";

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

(7) the 11th day in November, "Veterans Day"; and

(8) whenever a resident of this state 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

1 forces who have lost their lives while serving or as a result of
2 service and the symbol of our state's commitment to honoring their
3 families.

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

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.