

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1807
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 25, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 15, 2013, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Van de Putte	X		
1-9	Birdwell	X		
1-10	Campbell		X	
1-11	Davis	X		
1-12	Rodriguez	X		

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the display of flags at half-staff at state buildings to
1-16 honor service members killed in action.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 443.024, Government Code, is amended by
1-19 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-20 (e) The flag of the State of Texas and the flag of the United
1-21 States shall be flown at half-staff at the Capitol building on the
1-22 days specified by Section 2165.0061.

1-23 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is
1-24 amended by adding Section 2165.0061 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 2165.0061. DISPLAY OF FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF. The state
1-26 flag and the flag of the United States shall be displayed at
1-27 half-staff at each state office building on the death of a member of
1-28 the armed forces of the United States who was a resident of this
1-29 state and who was killed in action. The flags shall be displayed at
1-30 half-staff for one day following the date the person's family is
1-31 notified of the person's death. The office of the governor shall
1-32 notify state agencies, including the State Preservation Board, of
1-33 the days on which flags shall be flown at half-staff under this
1-34 section.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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