



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 45

August 16, 2013 - Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, FARROW, L. TAYLOR, LEHMAN and T. CULLEN, cosponsored by Representatives MURTHA, PETRYK, SPIROS, WILLIAMS, KERKMAN, MILROY, BERNIER, A. OTT, BIES, BALLWEG, T. LARSON, MURPHY, NASS, BROOKS, VRUWINK and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** designating the Honor and Remember Flag as Wisconsin's emblem of
2 service and sacrifice by those in the United States Armed Forces who have
3 given their lives in the line of duty.

4 Whereas, while war deaths have been a part of our heritage since the birth of
5 this nation, the United States has not instituted an official symbol commemorating
6 fallen servicepersons; and

7 Whereas, the Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men
8 and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom; and

9 Whereas, the flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that
10 dates back to World War I; and

11 Whereas, the flag's white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and

12 Whereas, the flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in
13 active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given; and

14 Whereas, the folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen
15 serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and

1 Whereas, the flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and

2 Whereas, the Honor and Remember Flag is a unifying symbol recognizing this
3 nation's solemn debt to the estimated 1,600,000 fallen servicepersons throughout
4 United States history and the families and communities who mourn their loss; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature
7 designates the Honor and Remember Flag as Wisconsin's emblem of service and
8 sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have
9 given their lives in the line of duty; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Wisconsin
11 secretary of veterans affairs and Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

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