Introduction and first reading

## SENATE STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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A resolution designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the State of Minnesota's emblem of the service and sacrifice by those in the United States armed forces who have given their lives in the line of duty; and urging Congress to pass a House Resolution to designate the Honor and Remember Flag for the same purpose. WHEREAS, while war deaths have been part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, the United States has not instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen members of our nation's armed forces; and WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag has been created by Honor and Remember, Inc. to officially recognize and honor fallen members of the United States armed forces; and WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom; and WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; and WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who will not return home and reflects the value of the life given; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's folded flag element highlights this nation's

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the

final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and

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WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota calls for a unifying symbol
recognizing this nation's solemn debt to the estimated 1.6 million fallen members of our nation's
armed forces throughout history and the families and communities who mourn their loss; NOW,
THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Honor and
Remember Flag is designated the State of Minnesota's emblem of service and sacrifice by the
brave men and women of the United States armed forces who have given their lives in the line of
duty.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota urges
Congress to pass a House Resolution to designate the Honor and Remember Flag for the same
purpose.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States,
the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the
United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans, the chair
of the House Committee on Veterans, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.