

Rep. LaVoy offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 169.

A resolution to urge Congress to enact legislation to adopt the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died while serving or as a result of serving.

Whereas, Since the Revolutionary War, more than one 1.5 million members of the United States Armed Forces have sacrificed their lives while protecting their country. Their contribution to our country is deserving of national recognition; and

Whereas, There is no officially recognized national symbol that acknowledges members of the Armed Forces who have died while serving their country. Therefore, Honor and Remember, Inc. has created the Honor and Remember flag to honor and remember the members of the United States Armed Forces who lost their lives while performing their military duty; and

Whereas, The Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The flag's white field and border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflicts dating back to World War I. The gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given. The folded flag highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen service member and a family's sacrifice. The flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and

Whereas, The Honor and Remember flag should be displayed on all official federal holidays, additional days as designated by the governor, and whenever there is a state military casualty; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress to enact legislation to adopt the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died while serving or as a result of serving; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.