

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Dever

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the President to adopt a veterans remembered
2 flag.

3 **WHEREAS**, There are flags for all branches of the armed services, there is a flag for
4 POWs and MIAs, but there is no flag to honor the millions of former military personnel who have
5 served our nation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, A flag is a symbol of recognition for a group or an ideal. Veterans compose
7 a group, certainly represent an ideal, and surely they deserve their own symbol; and

8 **WHEREAS**, It is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans, affiliated and unaffiliated with
9 veterans' organizations, who have served in our nation's military comprise a significant portion
10 of our country's population; and

11 **WHEREAS**, A veterans remembered flag would memorialize and honor all past,
12 present, and future veterans and provide an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans
13 today; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Displaying and flying this flag would validate the lives of millions of
15 individuals who have served our country in times of war, peace, and national crisis; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The veterans remembered flag would fill the void of a flag to honor to all
17 veterans who have served in our country's armed forces; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The symbolism of this unique flag's design would be all-inclusive and would
19 pay respect to the history of our nation, to all branches of the military, and honor those who
20 have served or died in the service of our nation; and

21 **WHEREAS**, This design of the veterans remembered flag does all of the following:

- 22 1. Depicts the founding of our nation through the 13 stars that emanate from the hoist
23 of the flag and march to the large red star that represents our nation and the five
24 branches of our country's military that defend her: the Army, Navy, Air Force,
25 Marines, and Coast Guard.

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- 1 2. The white star indicates a veteran's dedication to service.
- 2 3. The blue star honors all men and women who have ever served in our country's
- 3 military.
- 4 4. The gold star memorialized those who fell defending our nation.
- 5 5. The blue stripe that bears the title of the flag honors the loyalty of veterans to our
- 6 nation, flag, and government.
- 7 6. The green field represents the hallowed ground where all rest eternally;

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
9 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

10 That the 61st Legislative Assembly of North Dakota urges the Congress and President
11 of the United States to adopt a veterans remembered flag; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
13 resolution to the President of the United State and to each member of the North Dakota
14 congressional delegation.