

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senators Haverly, Adelstein, Bradford, Brown, Buhl, Frerichs, Fryslie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Heineman, Holien, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Johnston, Kraus, Krebs, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Olson (Russell), Peters, Putnam, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Turbiville, Dryden, and Nelson (Stace)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Endorsing the adoption of a national flag to honor and  
2 remember those who died while serving in America's military.

3 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature and the citizens of South Dakota honor the  
4 service and sacrifice of all military service members, especially those who have lost their lives  
5 in service to the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, there has never been an officially recognized symbol that serves as a daily  
7 visible reminder for those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and

8 WHEREAS, an "Honor and Remember" Flag has been created as a daily reminder for the  
9 American public to acknowledge the ultimate price of freedom; and

10 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag recognizes not only those killed in action  
11 during war, but all service members who died in the line of duty; and

12 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's blue Star represents active service in military  
13 conflict, which originated during World War I. On this flag it also signifies service through all



1 generations from the American Revolution to present day; and

2 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's white border surrounding the gold star  
3 recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and

4 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a  
5 warrior in active service who will not return home and gold reflects the value of the life that was  
6 given; and

7 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's folded flag signifies the final tribute to an  
8 individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's flame is an eternal reminder of the spirit that  
10 has departed this life yet burns on the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero; and

11 WHEREAS, the Honor and remember Flag will serve as a symbol of national gratitude,  
12 value each American life given for our freedom, and give comfort to the families who lost a  
13 loved one during military service:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-sixth Legislature of  
15 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
16 Dakota Legislature supports legislation to establish a national flag to honor and remember all  
17 who gave their lives in military service to this nation; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the Congress to  
19 adopt the flag created by the Honor and Remember organization to serve as the national Honor  
20 and Remember Flag.