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HOUSE BILL NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STATE SYMBOL: Provides that the Honor and Remember flag shall be the official state emblem of military service

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:156, relative to the state emblem; to provide that the Honor and Remember flag shall be the official state emblem of military service; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 49:156 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§156. State emblem of military service

There shall be an official state emblem of military service. The official state emblem of military service shall be the Honor and Remember flag. The flag was designed by George Lutz, who lost his son in Iraq in 2005. The flag shall serve as a visible reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national freedoms. The red field on the flag represents the blood spilled by brave men and women in America's military throughout our history, who willingly gave their lives so that we all would remain free. The blue star represents active service in military conflict. The white border surrounding the gold star recognizes the purity of sacrifice. The gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who will not return home. Gold reflects the value of the life that was given. The folded flag signifies the final tribute to an individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to the nation. The flame is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life yet burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero. The

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use of the Honor and Remember flag on official documents of the state along with the insignia of the state is hereby authorized.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the Honor and Remember flag shall be the official state emblem of military service.

Proposed law provides that the state of La. shall have an official state emblem of military service which shall be the Honor and Remember flag.

(Adds R.S. 49:156)

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