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HOUSE BILL NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CORTEZ, CROMER, DOERGE, DOVE, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, STIAES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

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

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:156, relative to the state emblem; to provide that the Honor and Remember flag shall be an official state emblem of military service; to authorize the display of the flag; 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; display over the state capitol

A. The Honor and Remember flag shall be an official state emblem of military service. 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

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

B. The Honor and Remember flag may be displayed over the state capitol on the following days:

(1) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

(2) Veterans Day, November eleventh.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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