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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE
FLAG

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Gallison, McLaughlin, Ehrhardt, and Menard

Date Introduced: March 07, 2012

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-4 of the General Laws entitled "State Emblems" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-4-18. Honor and remembrance flag.** – (a) The honor and remembrance flag created
4 by Honor and Remember, Inc., is hereby designated as the state's official emblem of service and
5 sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their
6 lives in the line of duty and any police personnel, fire personnel, EMTs, rescue personnel, or any
7 branch of law enforcement who have lost their lives in the line of duty in response to a terrorist
8 activity.

9 (b) Required display. The honor and remembrance flag shall be displayed on the
10 following dates:

11 (1) Veterans Day;

12 (2) July 4th;

13 (3) Victory Day;

14 (4) Memorial Day;

15 (5) Gold Star Parents Day; and

16 (6) On the funeral day of an active serviceman, servicewoman, or personnel referred to in
17 subsection (a).

18 (c) Location for flag display. The locations for the display of the honor and remembrance

1 flag under subsection (b) are the following:

2 (1) The state house;

3 (2) Veterans' memorials;

4 (3) Office of the secretary of state;

5 (4) Rhode Island state veterans' cemetery; and

6 (5) Department of veterans affairs.

7 (d) Display. The flag shall be displayed in a manner visible to the public. Display of the
8 honor and remembrance flag pursuant to this section shall be in a manner designed to ensure
9 visibility to the public.

10 It should be displayed only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary
11 flagstuffs in the open. The flag may be displayed twenty-four (24) hours a day if properly
12 illuminated during the hours of darkness. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
13 It should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather
14 flag is displayed.

15 (e) Presentation. The flag shall be presented to the family at the funeral for an active
16 serviceman, servicewoman, or any of the personnel referred to in subsection (a). The state of
17 Rhode Island shall assume the cost for these flags.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would designate an official flag for United States military service members and
2 any rescue personnel involved in a terrorist-related response who have died in the line of duty and
3 the dates and places of the flag's display.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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