

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 896 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY SAYLOR, OCTOBER 3, 2012

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
3, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Veterans Remembered Flag.

2 WHEREAS, National and State Veterans Cemeteries honor only
3 12% of American veterans in their final resting place, leaving
4 88% of them interred in private locations throughout our country
5 without proper recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, The Veterans Remembered Flag flying below the
7 American Flag at the entrance to these private cemeteries would
8 give long deserved recognition to the presence of veterans
9 interred in such ground; and

10 WHEREAS, Displaying a Veterans Remembered Flag at such
11 cemeteries will enable the public to pay respect to these
12 veterans; and

13 WHEREAS, There are flags for all branches of the armed
14 service, and there is a flag for prisoners of war and
15 individuals missing in action; and

16 WHEREAS, There is no flag recognized in this Commonwealth to
17 honor the millions of former military personnel who have served

1 our nation; and

2 WHEREAS, A flag is a symbol of recognition for a group or an
3 ideal and veterans compose a group and represent an ideal and,
4 therefore, deserve recognition of their own flag; and

5 WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 20,000,000 veterans,
6 affiliated and unaffiliated with veterans' organizations, have
7 served in our nation's military, thus comprising a significant
8 portion of our country's population; and

9 WHEREAS, A Veterans Remembered Flag would memorialize and
10 honor all past, present and future veterans and provide an
11 enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today; and

12 WHEREAS, The Veterans Remembered Flag, as designed by the
13 Sonoma Veterans, with the white star located in the middle of
14 the flag representing the dedication to service, the smaller
15 gold star memorializing those who have fallen defending our
16 nation and the green field representing the hallowed ground
17 where all rest eternally, makes the flag appropriate to fly in
18 cemeteries that are the final resting places for veterans; and

19 WHEREAS, As Americans, it is our responsibility to ensure
20 that our history is documented and reverence is given to our
21 veterans and war heroes; and

22 WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans
23 come at a very high price for those serving in the military; and

24 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we, who are the
25 beneficiaries of the courage of those who risk their lives,
26 leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and
27 eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts;
28 therefore it be

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all
30 veterans who have sacrificed so much of themselves, sometimes

1 making the ultimate sacrifice, in order to serve their country
2 proudly; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
4 Veterans Remembered Flag as a respectable symbol that honors all
5 veterans in this Commonwealth; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
7 Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park Association, Post Office Box 153,
8 El Verano, California 95433.