

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING ALL CEMETERIES TO FLY THE VETERANS REMEMBERED
3 FLAG.

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5 WHEREAS, the American legion mandates that all veterans
6 be treated with honor and respect in death as well as in
7 life; and

8 WHEREAS, national and state veterans cemeteries honor
9 only twelve percent of veterans in their final resting place;
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11 WHEREAS, that leaves more than eighty percent of
12 veterans interred in private locations throughout the country
13 without recognition; and

14 WHEREAS, the veterans remembered flag flying below the
15 American flag at the entrance to these private cemeteries
16 would give long-deserved recognition of the presence of
17 veterans interred in such cemeteries; and

18 WHEREAS, displaying of a veterans remembered flag at
19 such cemeteries will allow public awareness and enable the
20 public to pay their respects on appropriate holidays to these
21 veterans; and

22 WHEREAS, there are flags for all branches of the armed
23 services, there is a flag for prisoners of war and those
24 missing in action, but there is no flag to honor the millions
25 of former military personnel who have served the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, a flag is a symbol of recognition for a group
2 or an ideal, and veterans compose a group, certainly
3 represent an ideal and surely deserve their own symbol; and

4 WHEREAS, it is estimated that twenty million four
5 hundred thousand veterans, affiliated and unaffiliated with
6 veterans' organizations, have served in the nation's military
7 and comprise a significant portion of the country's
8 population; and

9 WHEREAS, a veterans remembered flag would memorialize
10 and honor all past, present and future veterans and provide
11 an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today; and

12 WHEREAS, the American legion, department of California,
13 assembled in the eighty-seventh annual convention in 2005
14 duly adopted a resolution calling for approval on the
15 national level of a "veterans remembered flag"; and

16 WHEREAS, the assembly and the senate of the state of
17 California jointly adopted a veterans remembered flag at the
18 assembly on May 4, 2006 and at the senate on June 1, 2006;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, other states and the United States Navy
21 memorial in Washington, D.C., have approved of a veterans
22 remembered flag;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request that all cemeteries fly
25 the veterans remembered flag of the American legion; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of veterans' services. _____