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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Emily Tilton and I support HB 406 that states that the Honor and Remember Flag be recognized as the official Flag of Remembrance for Ohio. I am a military wife, an elementary teacher, and a volunteer for a non profit organization called Blue Skies for Good Guys and Gals. This organization brings Purple Heart Recipients and Gold Star Families together for a weekend of bonding and healing.

I have met many Gold Star Families and have become close friends with them over the years of volunteering. I have heard their stories and shared their tears. I have been present when Honor and Remember flags have been given to families for the first time in honor of their fallen soldier. This emotional and heartbreaking experience is truly beyond words. But what I have discovered is the comfort that these families find in displaying this flag. The honor that this gives their fallen soldier and their family that shows that sacrifice.

By recognizing the Honor and Remember Flag as an official Flag of Remembrance, people will become more educated and aware of the sacrifice that was given for this flag. I believe it is the least we can do to honor those soldiers and their families that have given the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of our country.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I encourage you to support HB 406 not only for our fallen heroes, but for their families as well.

Sincerely,

Emily Tilton