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A BILL

To enact section 9.51 of the Revised Code to 1
designate the Honor and Remember flag as the 2
symbol of Ohio's concern and commitment to 3
honoring and remembering the lives of all fallen 4
service members and their families and to 5
encourage that the flag be displayed at the 6
Statehouse in Columbus on Memorial Day. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 9.51 of the Revised Code be 8
enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 9.51. (A) The general assembly designates the honor 10
and remember flag as the symbol of Ohio's concern and commitment 11
to honoring and remembering the service members of the United 12
States armed forces who have lost their lives while serving or 13
as a result of service, and to honoring and remembering the 14
families of fallen service members. 15

The honor and remember flag's red field represents the 16
blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for 17
freedom; the flag's white field and border recognizes the purity 18
of that sacrifice; the flag's blue star is a symbol of active 19
service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; the 20
flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior 21
in active service who is not returning home and reflects the 22
value of the life given; the flag's folded flag element 23
highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen service 24
member and a family's sacrifice; and the flag's flame symbolizes 25
the eternal spirit of the departed. 26

(B) The general assembly encourages the display of the 27
honor and remember flag during normal business hours at any 28
public building in the state, and at any location during a 29
military memorial service. 30

(C) The honor and remember flag may be displayed at the 31
statehouse in Columbus on the last Monday in May, known as 32
Memorial Day. 33

(D) The statehouse may comply with this section by 34
commencing the display of the flag during normal business hours 35
on a workday before Memorial Day and ending the display during 36
normal business hours on a workday following Memorial Day. 37

(E) When displayed from the same halyard or staff, the 38
honor and remember flag should fly below, and be not larger 39
than, the United States flag. When displayed from adjacent 40
staffs, the United States flag should always be placed to the 41
flag's own right of other flags, per 4 U.S.C. 7(f). When three 42
or more flags are displayed from the same halyard or staff, the 43
honor and remember flag should always be positioned below all 44
others. 45