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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  
require 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 shall 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 the requirements of 34  
this section by commencing the display of the flag during normal 35  
business hours on a workday before the required display day, and 36  
ending the display during normal business hours on a workday 37  
following the required display day. 38

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