

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4004

As of March 7, 2011

Brief Description: Requesting the designation of an "Honor and Remember Flag" as an official symbol to recognize Armed Forces members who have died in the line of duty.

Sponsors: Representatives Short, Blake, Bailey, Hunt, Crouse, Nealey, Haler, Rodne, McCune, Buys, Asay, Klippert, Warnick, Shea, Kelley, Johnson, Seaquist, Taylor, Roberts, Haigh, Ross, Ahern, Upthegrove, Smith and Kristiansen.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/14/11, 93-0.

Committee Activity: Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections: 3/10/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: A national campaign is underway to convince Congress to adopt an Honor and Remember Flag as a nation flag honoring all fallen servicemen and servicewomen. The flag would be added to the official United States flag displays on military holidays alongside the United States flag and the Missing in Action–Prisoner of War flag. The campaign was started by the father of a soldier killed while serving in Iraq.

A bill was introduced in the United States House of Representatives during the 110th Congress, House Resolution 1034, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who died in the line of duty. The bill was introduced and referred to committee, but did not get a hearing.

Summary of Bill: A request is made to the United States Senate and House of Representatives to enact a bill to create an Honor and Remember Flag to serve as a nation symbol and establish a permanent national flag to fly continuously in eternal honor and remembrance of those who have given their lives in military service for our nation.

Copies of the memorial must be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.