## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** designating the Honor and Remember Flag as Wisconsin's emblem of service and sacrifice by those in the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Whereas, while war deaths have been a part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, the United States has not instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen servicepersons; and

Whereas, the Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom; and

Whereas, the flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; and

Whereas, the flag's white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and

Whereas, the flag's gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given; and

Whereas, the folded flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and

Whereas, the flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and

Whereas, the Honor and Remember Flag is a unifying symbol recognizing this nation's solemn debt to the estimated 1,600,000 fallen servicepersons throughout United States history and the families and communities who mourn their loss; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature designates the Honor and Remember Flag as Wisconsin's emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Wisconsin secretary of veterans affairs and Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

Representative Robin J. Vos	Senator Michael G. Ellis
Speaker of the Assembly	President of the Senate
Date	Jeffrey Renk Senate Chief Clerk