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ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141

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Committee:

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, H.R. 546 of the 112th Congress, 1st Session, designates the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor fallen members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The flag's white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice. 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. The folded flag element highlights the nation's final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family's sacrifice. 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 1.6 million fallen

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servicepersons throughout history and the families and communities who mourn their loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

- 1. That the Legislature designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the State of Nebraska'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 urges Congress to pass H.R. 546.
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of the Nebraska congressional delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the Legislature in this matter.