Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 36

Introduced by Assembly Member Gray

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to the Honor and Remember Flag.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 36, as introduced, Gray. The Honor and Remember Flag.

This measure would designate the Honor and Remember Flag as the state's emblem of service, and encourage the display of that flag at all state military memorials, state veteran cemeteries, and certain other public displays.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Since the Revolutionary War, more than one
- 2 million members of the United States Armed Forces have paid the3 ultimate price by sacrificing their lives in the line of duty; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, The contribution of those fallen members of the 5 United States Armed Forces are deserving of national recognition;
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7 WHEREAS, There is no officially recognized symbol that 8 specifically acknowledges members of the United States Armed

- 9 Forces who have died in the line of duty; and
- 10 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 1034 of the 111th Congress
- 11 designates the Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and
- 12 Remember, Inc., to officially recognize and honor fallen members
- 13 of the United States Armed Forces; and

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WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's red field 1 2 represents the blood shed by brave men and women who sacrificed 3 their lives for freedom; and WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's blue star is a 4 5 symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I; and 6 7 WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's white border 8 recognizes the purity of sacrifice; and WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's gold star signifies 9 the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not 10 returning home and reflects the value of the life given; and 11 WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's folded flag 12 13 element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and 14 15 WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and 16 17 WHEREAS, It benefits the State of California to answer calls for a unifying symbol recognizing this nation's solemn debt to the 18 19 estimated 1.6 million fallen servicepersons throughout history and 20 the families and communities who mourned their loss; now, 21 therefore, be it 22 Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate 23 thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the Honor and Remember Flag as the state's emblem of service and sacrifice by 24 25 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 26 27 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the display of the 28 Honor and Remember Flag at all state military memorials and state 29 veteran cemeteries, as well as public displays on Armed Forces 30 Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Veterans Day, Gold Star Mother's Day, and 31 32 whenever there is a state military casualty; and be it further 33 Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies 34 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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