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THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1134

SENATE BILL NO. 1134 - By: GARRISON, GUMM and SPARKS of the Senate and ROUSSELOT of the House.

An Act relating to definitions and general provisions; stating legislative findings; designating first Monday of each month as day of remembrance for those serving in war on terror; authorizing and requesting flags be flown at half-staff; specifying duty of Director of Department of Central Services; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 90.19 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature finds that:

1. The Congress of the United States has authorized the President to use military force against "nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons", Public Law 107-40, and has further authorized the President to use military force in order to "defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq", Public Law 107-243;

2. Although these policies have resulted in some degree of controversy, it is incontrovertible that the members of the Armed

1 Forces of the United States who have been deployed with respect
2 thereto have served with honor, dignity, and bravery, and that
3 public support for the members of the Armed Forces, and for their
4 families, has been steadfast and unwavering; and

5 3. For as long as members of the Armed Forces are so deployed,
6 such public support must continue and be demonstrated in every way
7 possible.

8 B. Until such time as such use of military force as referenced
9 in subsection A of this section is concluded, whether by
10 Presidential or Congressional action, the first Monday of each month
11 is hereby designated as a day of remembrance for those Oklahomans
12 serving or who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States
13 in furtherance of victory in the global war on terror, particularly
14 those who have died or been wounded as a result of such service, and
15 for their families and loved ones.

16 C. On each such day of remembrance, all state agencies,
17 interested organizations, groups, and individuals are authorized and
18 requested to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff. The
19 Director of the Department of Central Services shall cause the
20 provisions of this section to be implemented by all appropriate
21 agencies of state government.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS, dated
24 2-20-08 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.