

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1042

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   A Resolution encouraging the display of Veterans  
9 Remembered flag.

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12           WHEREAS, our National and State Veterans Cemeteries honor only  
13 twelve percent of our veterans in their final resting place; and

14           WHEREAS, that leaves over eighty percent interred in private  
15 locations throughout our country without recognition; and

16           WHEREAS, the Veterans Remembered flag flying below the American  
17 flag at the entrance to these private cemeteries would give long-  
18 deserved recognition of the presence of veterans interred in such  
19 ground; and

20           WHEREAS, displaying a Veterans Remembered flag at such  
21 cemeteries will allow public awareness and enable them to pay  
22 respect on appropriate holidays to these veterans; and

1       WHEREAS, there are flags for all branches of the armed services,  
2 there is a flag for prisoners of war and for those missing in  
3 action, but there is no flag to honor the millions of former  
4 military personnel who have served our nation; and

5       WHEREAS, a flag is a symbol of recognition for a group or an  
6 ideal and veterans compose a group, certainly represent an ideal,  
7 and surely deserve their own symbol; and

8       WHEREAS, it is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans, affiliated  
9 and unaffiliated with veterans' organizations, who have served in  
10 our nation's military comprise a significant portion of our  
11 country's population; and

12       WHEREAS, a Veterans Remembered flag would memorialize and honor  
13 all past, present and future veterans and provide an enduring symbol  
14 to support tomorrow's veterans today.

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages the  
18 display of the Veterans Remembered flag at all cemeteries,  
19 especially on Veterans Day, thereby honoring the service of our  
20 deceased veterans.

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