

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1042

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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