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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 652**

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to flags; to authorize the display of the

2 Honor and Remember Flag as prescribed.

3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Honor and Remember Flag is hereby adopted as an  
2 official symbol of the State of Nebraska representing the state's  
3 commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the  
4 armed forces of the United States who have lost their lives while serving  
5 or as a result of their service.

6           (2) The Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the blood  
7 shed by brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives for freedom,  
8 and the flag's white border recognizes the purity of that sacrifice. The  
9 flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that  
10 dates back to World War I. The flag's gold star signifies the ultimate  
11 sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and  
12 reflects the value of the life given. The folded flag element highlights  
13 this nation's final tribute to a fallen service member and a family's  
14 sacrifice. The flag's flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the  
15 departed.

16           (3) The Honor and Remember Flag may be displayed on any day,  
17 including the following:

18           (a) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;

19           (b) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

20           (c) Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September;

21           (d) Veterans Day, November 11; and

22           (e) Any other date on which a resident of this state dies while  
23 serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

24           (4) For purposes of this section, Honor and Remember Flag means a  
25 flag as described in subsection (2) of this section that is recognized  
26 and accepted as commemorating and honoring the members of the armed  
27 forces of the United States who have lost their lives in the line of  
28 duty.