

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 901

By Senators Crowe, Beavers, Berke, Black, Bunch, Burchett, Burks, Lowe Finney, Raymond Finney, Ford, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Johnson, Ketron, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, Marrero, McNally, Norris, Mr. Speaker Ramsey, Roller, Southerland, Stanley, Tate, Tracy, Watson, Wilder, Williams, Woodson

and

Representatives Borchert, Litz, Maddox

A RESOLUTION urging the President and the United States Congress to adopt the Veterans Remembered Flag.

WHEREAS, there are flags for all branches of the armed services, as well as flags for POWs and MIAs, but there is no flag to honor the millions of former military personnel who have served our nation; and

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

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans have served in our nation's military, comprising a significant portion of our country's population; and

WHEREAS, a Veterans Remembered Flag would memorialize and honor all past, present, and future veterans and provide an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today; and

WHEREAS, displaying and flying this flag would honor the lives of millions of men and women who have served our country in times of war, peace, and national crisis; and

WHEREAS, the symbolism of this unique flag's design would be all-inclusive and would pay respect to the history of our nation, to all branches of the military, and would serve to honor those who have served or died in the service of our nation; and

WHEREAS, in memorializing America's veterans, the Veterans Remembered Flag includes specific symbolism and should be designed in substantially the following form:

(a) It depicts the founding of our nation through the thirteen stars that emanate from the hoist of the flag and march to the large red star, representing our nation and the five branches of our country's military that defend her: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

(b) The white star indicates a veteran's dedication to service.

(c) The blue star honors all men and women who have ever served in our country's military.

(d) The gold star memorializes those who fell defending our nation.

(e) The blue stripe which bears the title of the flag honors the loyalty of veterans to our nation, flag, and government.

(f) The green field represents the hallowed ground where all rest eternally; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Remembered Flag would serve to honor all veterans who have served in our country's Armed Forces; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges the Congress of the United States to act expeditiously to adopt a Veterans Remembered Flag as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, and each member of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED: June 6, 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR