A RESOLUTION designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the State of Kansas' emblem of the service and sacrifice by those in the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, While war deaths have been a part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, the United States has not instituted an official symbol commemorating fallen servicepersons; and

WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., is officially recognized to honor fallen members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag's red field represents the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. The flag's blue star is a symbol of active service in military conflict that dates back to World War I. The flag’s white border recognizes the purity of sacrifice. The flag’s gold star signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who is not returning home and reflects the value of the life given. The folded flag element highlights this nation’s final tribute to a fallen serviceperson and a family’s sacrifice. The flag’s flame symbolizes the eternal spirit of the departed; and

WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag recognizes all individuals who have died as a result of serving in the United States military dating back to the founding of our nation. The flag serves as a symbol of national gratitude for the hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve
the freedoms we enjoy; and
WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember Flag is a unifying symbol recognizing this nation’s solemn debt to the estimated 1.6 million fallen servicepersons throughout history and the families and communities who mourn their loss: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:
That we designate the Honor and Remember Flag as the State of Kansas’ emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the executive director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs and Representative Meier.