

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Conyers Jr.
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lamar Smith
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Conyers and Ranking Member Smith:


Thank you for your long-standing commitment to veterans. We are writing you today to request a full committee hearing and markup of H.R. 1034, to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

This bipartisan bill would establish the Honor and Remember flag as one of the official symbols to honor those men and women in uniform who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Specifically, this flag would recognize all those who have been killed from action, or killed in service, from the moment our Nation was born. Those who have worn a military uniform in service to the United States have given authority to their superiors and the Commander-in-Chief to place them into harm's way on behalf of our Nation. If, in the course of doing one's duty, a servicemember loses their life, this flag is meant to honor that individual, regardless of where or how they passed away.


At a time when there are many issues on which Republicans and Democrats do not agree, we believe that this bill and this flag can ensure that our country never forgets those whose lives protect the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Already, more than 13 veteran service organizations have endorsed this legislation, including the Military Officers Association of America, the Air Force Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, and the Association of the U.S. Navy.

Again, we thank you for your support of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Will Hupman, Legislative Counsel for Mr. Forbes, at (202) 225-6365.

Sincerely,



ROBERT "BOBBY" C. SCOTT
Member of Congress



J. RANDY FORBES
Member of Congress