Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1042

By: Wesselhoft, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Denney, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Enns, Faught, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Hickman, Hilliard, Holland, Hoskin, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Key, Kirby, Kouplen, Liebmann, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiel, McPeak, Moore, Morgan, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Peters, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Richardson, Ritze, Roan, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Shumate, Steele, Stiles, Terrill, Thomsen, Tibbs, Trebilcock, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Williams and Wright

A Resolution encouraging the display of Veterans Remembered flag

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, there are flags for all branches of the armed services, there is a flag for prisoners of war and for those missing in action, 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 and veterans compose a group, certainly represent an ideal, and surely deserve their own symbol; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 20,400,000 veterans, affiliated and unaffiliated with veterans' organizations, who have served in our nation's military comprise 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.

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

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 21st day of March, 2012.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this 26th **day of** March, 2012, **at** 1:55 **o'clock** P. **M.**

By: Michelle R. Day