

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2029**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly, No. 2029.

This bill designates the “Honor and Remember Flag” as the State’s official flag for recognizing those of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty.

During the months after his son was killed by a sniper in Iraq, George Lutz visited many families who had also lost a loved one in the Iraq War. During this time, Mr. Lutz was overcome with a sense that he had joined a unique fellowship. He also found that these other families consistently shared a desire to both know that their loved one’s sacrifice was not in vain, and that the nation would never forget. After Mr. Lutz learned that the United States did not have an officially recognized symbol to acknowledge the sacrifice of the estimated 1.6 million American service members who have given their lives, the “Honor and Remember Flag” was conceived. The “Honor and Remember Flag” is an ideal symbol for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2012-2013 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.