

Date of Hearing: September 3, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
HR 68 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced August 28, 2025

SUBJECT: The 9/11 Remembrance Flag.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the 9/11 Remembrance Flag as a symbol of our state’s concern and commitment to remembering all of the lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and, encourages each public building or facility owned by the state, a county, or a municipality to display the 9/11 Remembrance Flag on September 11 of each year. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) September 11, 2001, will forever be one of the darkest days in the history of the United States. Nearly 3,000 people, including citizens of over 90 nations, died as a direct result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, New York; the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia; and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.
- 2) All four commercial airline flights hijacked on 9/11 were bound for California. Over 50 Californians lost their lives on 9/11.
- 3) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag was designed by a Virginian on September 20, 2001, to foster the establishment of a national symbol of remembrance that honors and remembers the victims, heroic first responders, and all who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001.
- 4) On November 12, 2001, the 9/11 Remembrance Flag was officially adopted by the Virginia Historical Society as part of a special exhibition in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution to commemorate the events of 9/11.
- 5) The design of the 9/11 Remembrance Flag adheres to the five principles of “Good Flag Design” defined by the North American Vexillological Association.
- 6) The 9/11 Remembrance Flag has also been adopted by the legislatures of Oklahoma and Delaware, and has flown or been displayed on 9/11 and for Patriot Day lessons in all 50 states, including at numerous schools and civic institutions in California, and in thousands of locations across the United States.
- 7) The symbols of 9/11 serve as a meaningful educational tool and a unifying emblem of patriotism and remembrance. The 9/11 Remembrance Flag memorializes the courageous and ongoing response of all Americans to threats against our freedom.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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