

THIRD READING

Bill No: SR 121
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Introduced: 6/29/26
Vote: Majority

SUBJECT: Killed in Action flag

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution honors and recognizes the Killed in Action flag as an emblem of sacrifice, remembrance, and respect for members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in combat.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The State of California suffered approximately 1,932 combat-related fatalities during World War I, more than 17,000 combat-related deaths during World War II, 1,743 confirmed killed in action during the Korean war, thousands of combat-related deaths during the Vietnam war, and more than 500 service members killed in action during the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan following September 11, 2001.
- 2) The Killed in Action flag was created in the State of California in 1993 through a grassroots effort led by combat veterans and veteran motorcycle riders seeking to establish a public symbol dedicated to members of the armed forces who gave their lives in combat.
- 3) The creation of the Killed in Action flag arose from the recognition that service members who are prisoners of war or missing in action are honored under the nationally recognized Prisoners of War or Missing in Action flag, while those who were confirmed killed in action lacked a separate and universally recognized symbol dedicated to their sacrifice.

This resolution encourages Californians to observe appropriate occasions, including, but not limited to, the last Monday of May for Memorial Day, November 11 for Veterans Day, July 4 for Independence Day, and military

remembrance ceremonies, by displaying the Killed in Action flag in honor of the fallen.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/4/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/4/26)

None received

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