

**SENATE BILL 780
HONOR AND REMEMBER
FLAG BILL FOR MICHIGAN**

**SENATOR O'BRIEN, AND MEMBERS OF THIS
COMMITTEE, JUST OVER A YEAR AGO ON MARCH
19TH, WE OF THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER SAT AT THIS
TABLE TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THE MERITS
OF INTRODUCING A BILL TO RECOGNIZE
THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG THAT
WOULD SHOW MICHIGAN'S CONCERN AND
GRATITUDE TO OUR FALLEN HEROES AND THEIR
FAMILIES THAT LOST THEIR LOVED ONES WHILE
SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES.
TODAY, WE RETURN TO ASK YOU TO
WHOLEHEARTEDLY, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND
ENDORSEMENT OF SB780, THE HONOR AND
REMEMBER FLAG BILL THAT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
YOUR COMMITTEE, INTRODUCED BY SEN.**

SCHUITMAKER OF THE 20TH DISTRICT.

**WE ASK YOU TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO
SEE THAT THIS BILL GETS MOVING IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION AND PLACED ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK
FOR HIS SIGNATURE.**

**THIS HAS BEEN DONE BY 21 OTHER STATES, WITH
TEXAS AND MINNESOTA, JUST TO MENTION A COUPLE.**

**WE BELIEVE THAT THIS STATE'S LEGISLATORS HAVE
SHOWN THEIR CONCERN FOR THE CITIZENS OF
MICHIGAN IN THE MOST RECENT SITUATIONS THAT
HAVE DEVELOPED IN OUR STATE SO WE BELIEVE THEY
WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THE FAMILIES OF OUR SERVICE
PEOPLE SHOULD BE SHOWN OUR DEEPEST
APPRECIATION AND OUR UNWAVERING
RESPECT FOR ENDURING THE LOSS OF THEIR
LOVED ONE. ANYTHING LESS WOULD BE
CONSIDERED UNCONSCIONABLE.**

YOU, MEANING ALL THOSE WHO SERVE THE
CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN BY BEING OUR
LAWMAKERS, CANNOT LOOK AT THOSE FAMILIES
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES AND SAY
THAT YOU HAVE DONE ALL YOU CAN DO WHEN
THESE FAMILIES HAVE ENDURED THE HURT,
SORROW, PAIN AND CRUSHED DREAMS THAT
CAME WITH THE KNOCK ON THE DOOR OR TELEGRAM
TELLING THEM THAT THEIR LOVED ONE IS NOT
COMING BACK HOME. THAT THEY WON'T BE COMING
BACK TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES WITH
THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT WERE
THERE WHEN THEY LEFT TO
SERVE IN OUR ARMED FORCES.
THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING MORE
THAT WE CAN DO TO LESSEN THAT HURT AND
SORROW THAT THE FAMILIES HAVE HAD TO

ENDURE.

**THIS COUNTRY OWE THE FAMILIES OF OUR
FALLEN COMRADES IN ARMS THE DEEPEST GRATITUDE
AND HIGHEST RESPECT THAT WE CAN GIVE THEM AND
THAT CAN AND SHOULD COME BY WAY OF THE
HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG BEING THE SPECIFIC
REMINDER TO THE FAMILIES AND THE GENERAL
PUBLIC OF MICHIGAN AND THIS COUNTRY.**

**WE ASK YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND GET SB780
OUT WHERE IT WILL DO WHAT IT IS MEANT TO DO
AND THAT IS TO BRING COMFORT, PEACE AND UNITY
TO THE FAMILIES AND THE CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN
AND OUR GREAT COUNTRY. IF YOU ARE THINKING
OF DOING ANYTHING LESS THAT DOESN'T
SUPPORT THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES THEN
THEY WILL SEE THAT YOU HAVE MISSED THE WHOLE
PURPOSE OF WHAT THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG**

IS AND WHAT IT CAN DO FOR THIS COUNTRY.

**WE ASK YOU TO HELP MICHIGAN JOIN THE OTHER
STATES THAT HAVE SEEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG AND HAVE SEEN
HOW A NATION CAN SHOW HOW IT CARES
ABOUT OUR FALLEN HEROES AND THEIR FAMILIES .**

**THANK YOU FOR LETTING US TAKE THIS TIME TO
SHARE OUR CONCERNS WITH YOU.**