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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag;
3	creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and
4	Remember flag as the emblem of the state; authorizing
5	the display of the flag at specified locations, on
6	specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring
7	the flags to be manufactured in the United States;
8	authorizing local governments to display the flag at
9	certain locations; authorizing certain departments,
10	agencies, and local governments to adopt certain
11	regulations by a specified date; authorizing the
12	Department of Management Services to procure and
13	distribute the flags by a specified date; providing an
14	effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to
19	read:
20	256.16 Honor and Remember flag
21	(1) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the
22	state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and
23	women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their
24	lives in the line of duty.
25	(2) The flag may be displayed:

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26 (a) At the following locations: 27 1. Any state-owned building at which the United States 28 flag is displayed. 29 2. Any state-owned military memorials. 30 3. Any other state-owned location. 31 (b) On the following days: 32 1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May. 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. 33 3. Flag Day, June 14. 34 35 4. Independence Day, July 4. 36 5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in 37 September. 6. Veterans Day, November 11. 38 7. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September. 39 40 8. A day on which a member of the United States Armed Forces who is a resident of the state loses his or her life in 41 42 the line of duty. 43 In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the (C) 44 public. 45 (d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed 46 together on a flagpole. 47 (3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be manufactured in the United States. 48 49 (4) A local government may display the flag in accordance 50 with paragraphs (2)(b), (c), and (d) at any local government

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51	building at which the United States flag is displayed and at any
52	other local government location it deems appropriate.
53	(5) By July 1, 2019, a department or an agency responsible
54	for a location specified in paragraph (2)(a), or a local
55	government pursuant to subsection (4), may adopt regulations as
56	necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations may not
57	require an employee to report to work solely to display the
58	flag.
59	(6) By July 31, 2019, the Department of Management
60	Services may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as
61	necessary to comply with this section.
62	Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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