

# Concord For Hometown Heroes Banners



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*Our View of; SB 501 ( N.H. recognizing the Honor & Remember Flag as a Flag of Sacrifice )*

*I, Matthew Wieczhalek-Seiler, as the front person for our organization owned by my wife, want to declare we are fully supportive of the Honor & Remember flag becoming a national symbol of Sacrifice for those who have given their lives in defense of our country through military service.*

*My brother, SSG Thomas P. Seiler, passed on 12, October, 2016, my life changed. I then learned what a Gold Star Brother was. As I was preparing for his funeral with Full military Honors, I was handed my " Next of Kin Lapel Pin" and became a Gold Star Brother. I own multiple Honor & Remember flags and fly them on my home and my vehicle to honor my brother. To Honor is To Remember, To Remember is To Speak Their Name, these words have great meaning to me. I also know the meaning of the elements of the flag, and feel honored to have this flag fly on my home and vehicle. I hope that this bill becomes law and this flag becomes as common as other flags, such as the POW/MIA and the American Flag.*

*As an organization we create and hang personalized tribute banners to honor service in the U.S. Military and would be extremely honored to put an Honor & Remember Flag over a Gold Star Banner as we are to hang an American Flag. It would educate more people about the sacrifice of Gold Star Families, because it amazes me every time someone asks what a Gold Star Family is. Pass this bill to help educate people of this Sacrifice and the loss these families face that is life changing.*

*I want to thank you in advance for considering the views of our Organization and our family.*

*Respectfully*

*Matthew F. Wieczhalek-Seiler, Gold Star Brother*



*My flag that honors my brother SSG. Thomas P. Seiler*



*My truck with a personalized Honor & Remember flag, an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital in my brothers name, and a Gold Star Banner personalized with my brothers name*

# SYMBOLISM OF THE FLAG



## BLOOD SPILLED

The RED FIELD represents the BLOOD SPILLED by Brave Men & Women in America's Military throughout our history, who willingly gave their lives so we all would remain free.



## SERVICE IN CONFLICT

The BLUE STAR represents Active SERVICE in Military CONFLICT. It signifies Service through all generations, from the American Revolution to present day.



## THE FINAL TRIBUTE

The FOLDED FLAG signifies the FINAL TRIBUTE to an individual life a Family sacrificed and gave to our nation.



## PURITY OF SACRIFICE

The WHITE FIELD recognizes the PURITY of SACRIFICE. There is no greater price an American Soldier can pay than to give their life in Service to our country.



## THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

The GOLD STAR signifies the ULTIMATE SACRIFICE of a Warrior in Active Service who will not return home. Gold reflects the Value of the Life given.



## AN ETERNAL REMINDER

The FLAME is an ETERNAL REMINDER of the Spirit who has departed this life in service to their country, yet burns on in the hearts and memory of all who knew and loved the Fallen Hero.

## HONOR AND REMEMBER.ORG

WE WILL ALWAYS HONOR THEIR SELFLESS SACRIFICE  
AND REMEMBER THEM INDIVIDUALLY BY NAME

