

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6006

A RESOLUTION recognizing and thanking Jesse Solis and the city of Emporia, Kansas for the dedication of an American Braille tactile flag.

WHEREAS, Jesse Solis, who has been instrumental in raising awareness for this braille flag, on behalf of Emporia, Kansas, is dedicating an American Braille tactile flag with the pledge of allegiance transcribed in braille to the Senate President Steve Morris to be displayed in the capitol building; and

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was expanded to Veterans Day after an Emporia resident, Al King, led a campaign to honor all veterans on November 11, 1953, making Emporia the founding city for Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Cabral, founder of the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute in Wichita, designed the braille flag for his father, Jesus Sanchez "Chuy" Cabral, a veteran of World War II, after he lost his vision; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Tiahrt sponsored a bill that placed an American Braille tactile flag in Arlington National Cemetery honoring blind members of the Armed Forces, veterans and other Americans; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the United States has over 1,000,000 blind and low-vision veterans and the Department of Defense estimates that 16 percent of those injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom suffer from severe vision loss; and

WHEREAS, This braille flag enables all visually impaired Kansans to appreciate Old Glory and to read the pledge of allegiance: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize and thank Jesse Solis and the city of Emporia for dedicating an American Braille tactile flag for display in the capitol building so that all visually impaired Kansans can fully appreciate Old Glory and can be reminded of all that she means to us.

House Resolution No. 6006 was sponsored by Representative Peggy Mast.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*