

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10 ___. RECITATION OF 13 FOLDS OF HONOR.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that this Act be dedicated to the 13 members of the
4 Armed Forces who were killed at Hamid Karzai Inter-
5 national Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, in August 2021.

6 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 1 of title 4, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing new section (and conforming the table of sections
9 for such chapter accordingly):

10 **“§ 11. Recitation of 13 Folds of Honor**

11 “(a) REQUIREMENT.—Except as provided by sub-
12 section (b), a funeral honors detail that presents a folded
13 flag of the United States in connection with the death of
14 a member of the Armed Forces or veteran under section
15 1491 of title 10, section 2301 of title 38, or other applica-
16 ble provision of law, shall recite the following (to be known
17 as the ‘13 Folds of Honor’) as part of such presentment:

18 “The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

19 “The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

1 “The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of
2 the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of
3 their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace
4 throughout the world.

5 “The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as
6 American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn
7 in times of peace as well as in the time of war for His
8 divine guidance.

9 “The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the
10 words of Stephen Decatur, ‘Our Country, in dealing with
11 other countries, may she always be right; but it is still
12 our country, right or wrong.’

13 “The 6th fold is for where people’s hearts lie. It is
14 with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of
15 the United States of America, and the Republic for which
16 it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty
17 and Justice for all.

18 “The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for
19 it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their
20 country and their flag against all her enemies, whether
21 they be found within or without the boundaries of their
22 republic.

23 “The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered
24 the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the
25 light of day.

1 “The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood and Moth-
2 ers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty,
3 and devotion that the character of the men and women
4 who have made this country great has been molded.

5 “The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too,
6 has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their
7 country since they were first born.

8 “The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the
9 seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the
10 Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

11 “The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and
12 glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son
13 and Holy Spirit.

14 “The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded,
15 the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nation’s
16 motto, ‘In God We Trust.’.

17 “(b) EXCEPTION.—The next of kin or other agent of
18 a deceased member of the Armed Forces or veteran may
19 elect to not have the 13 Folds of Honor recited under sub-
20 section (a).”.

