

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICA 250 FLAG AS**  
2 **AN OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) During 2026, the semiquincentennial of the  
6 United States, it is appropriate that the people of  
7 the United States reflect upon the providential vision  
8 of the founders of the United States, to form a gov-  
9 ernment the primary role of which is not to rule over  
10 its citizens, but to protect their rights endowed to  
11 them by God—a new form of government which de-  
12 rives its limited powers from the consent of the peo-  
13 ple.

14 (2) From the founding of the United States,  
15 the Nation has held a firm reliance on the protection  
16 of divine providence and many people have dedicated  
17 their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to

1       preserve and defend the liberties of the people of the  
2       United States.

3           (3) The establishment and preservation of the  
4       freedom and independence of the people of the  
5       United States has required significant sacrifice, and  
6       the blood of generations of patriots has stained the  
7       soil of battlefields across the world as evidence to  
8       their unwavering commitment to defend life, liberty,  
9       and the pursuit of happiness.

10          (4) The most iconic and internationally recog-  
11       nized national symbol is the flag of the United  
12       States, and wherever such flag flies anywhere in the  
13       world, it conveys a commitment to freedom, inde-  
14       pendence, justice, and liberty.

15          (5) Throughout the 250-year history of the  
16       United States as a free and independent nation, the  
17       flag of the United States has been a consistent bea-  
18       con of hope, strength, courage, and fortitude.

19          (6) Across the world, the flag of the United  
20       States flies over battlefields where brave Americans  
21       fought in defense of freedom, and in honor of their  
22       sacrifice, it stands tall above the final resting place  
23       of those who have given their last full measure of de-  
24       votion.

1           (7) The flag of the United States waves proudly  
2           over local, State, and Federal institutions of govern-  
3           ment, and it can be seen hoisted above our embas-  
4           sies across the world.

5           (8) As a testament to American exceptionalism,  
6           six American flags have stood proudly on the surface  
7           of the moon, an accomplishment unique to the  
8           United States of America.

9           (9) The flag of the United States flies over  
10          small and large businesses, declaring our freedom to  
11          engage in commerce, and is worn on the uniforms of  
12          our soldiers, sailors, airmen, guardians, coast  
13          guardsmen, law enforcement, and first responders.

14          (10) In the 250th year of the independence of  
15          the United States, the America 250 flag, which is a  
16          representation of the first flag of the nation with the  
17          number 250 emblazoned inside the circle of thirteen  
18          stars, has been commissioned to celebrate 250 years  
19          since the passing of the Declaration of Independ-  
20          ence.

21          (b) **RECOGNITION.**—In celebration of the  
22          semiquincentennial of the United States, the America 250  
23          flag—

24                 (1) is recognized as an official flag of the  
25          United States; and

1           (2) during 2026, such flag is authorized to be  
2           flown alongside the flag of the United States and the  
3           POW/MIA flags worldwide over all government  
4           buildings, embassies, and official United States loca-  
5           tions as a testament to the 250th anniversary of the  
6           United States of America.

