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Arizona House Approves the “Dan Ari Act” Requiring Flags Lowered to Honor Fallen Servicemembers

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House of Representatives on Monday unanimously passed the “Dan Ari Act,” legislation that mandates the governor to order the lowering of displayed flags to half-staff upon the death of a service member who was from or stationed in the State of Arizona. [HB 2818](#), sponsored by State Representative Quang Nguyen, applies to all state agencies.

“This legislation is dedicated to the families of our servicemembers,” stated Representative Nguyen. **“Lowering the flags in respectful observance for a day is the least we can do to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation. For many of the families, it is all they have left.”**

HB 2818 requires the governor to notify all state agencies within 48 hours of receiving notification of a service member’s death. This directive applies if the service member claimed Arizona as their home of record or was stationed in the state.

Representative Nguyen named the legislation in honor of Dan Ari, an Arizona resident, and U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

“I’m proud to name HB 2818 in honor of my constituent Daniel Aragaki, known to friends as Dan Ari. Dan was among the many, many veterans who weren’t treated very well when returning from service in Vietnam. Today, he actively volunteers with the Veterans History Project and the Sedona Area Veterans Community Outreach, supporting and honoring veterans in our state.”

The legislation now goes to the Senate for action.

Quang Nguyen is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 1 in Yavapai County and is Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Follow him on X/Twitter at @QuangNguyenAZ.

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