

# United States House of Representatives



## Proclamation

Congressman Shri Thanedar, Ph.D.

### Honoring The Flag of Remembrance 1865

- WHEREAS The Flag of Remembrance 1865 is a contemporary symbol created by Rodney David Deal—an esteemed author, educator, sociologist, vexillologist, historian, and native Detroit—whose mission is to inspire, educate, and commemorate the historic action to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS The vision of the Flag of Remembrance 1865 is to support unified diversity through education and to serve as a nonpartisan symbol dedicated to historical understanding, civic awareness, and national unity; and
- WHEREAS The year 1865 marked one of the most consequential periods in American history, including the ending of the American Civil War, and on January 31, 1865, the United States House of Representatives passed the joint resolution (H.R. 14) to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude, which was subsequently signed by President Abraham Lincoln; and
- WHEREAS The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified on December 6, 1865, formally prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude throughout the nation, thereby confirming freedom for all Americans under the law; and
- WHEREAS The Flag of Remembrance 1865 commemorates the freedom confirmed for all Americans and stands as a symbol of dignity, emancipation, hope, perseverance, equality, healing, and unified diversity; and
- WHEREAS The Flag of Remembrance 1865 is on permanent display at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum in Savannah, where it continues to inspire and educate visitors about the political, social, psychological, and economic journey toward freedom in 1865;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I, Shri Thanedar, Member of Congress representing Michigan's 13th District in the 119th Congress of the United States of America, do hereby recognize and honor the Flag of Remembrance 1865 and Rodney D. Deal, its visionary creator, for his leadership in commemorating the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment and for advancing a nonpartisan symbol that inspires, educates, and commemorates the enduring inheritance of freedom in the United States of America.

**“Promoting freedom, equality, and unified-diversity”**

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

Shri Thanedar, Ph.D.  
Member of Congress | Michigan's 13th District

CONGRESSMAN

**SHRI THANEDAR**

THE 13TH DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

