

State Senate approves flag bill

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WOLCOTT — The Sept. 11 remembrance flag created by a local couple is one step closer to flying alongside other flags in New York state.

The state Senate voted Wednesday to allow the flag to be flown alongside the U.S., New York and POW flags. The bill was sent on to the state Assembly for approval, but Joanne Galvin of Wolcott, who designed the flag with her late husband, Steve, has heard it may have trouble



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passing there.

State Sen. Michael Nozzolio, R-54 of Fayette, sponsored the bill, which designates the Galvins' flag as the state's official flag for Sept. 11 remembrance.

"As we approach the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 and the most horrific terrorist attack on American soil, it is important that we pause to recognize the sacrifices, commitment and dedication of the thousands of Americans who answered the call to duty on that fateful day," Nozzolio said in a press release.

He praised the Galvins for their commitment to ensuring that those killed in the attacks will not be forgotten.

"I am pleased my Senate colleagues have joined me

in honoring Steve's memory and dying wish by adopting this legislation to make the flag he helped design a daily reminder that our resolve as American citizens will never be compromised," Nozzolio said.

Joanne Galvin watched the Senate vote live Wednesday night and said she was grateful for Nozzolio's help.

"I am very honored and excited about it," she said of the bill. "It's absolutely a privilege that they thought so much of it."

She hopes people will contact their Assembly representatives and urge them to vote for the bill.

For more information on the flag, go online to www.911remembrance-flag.com.