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SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 21, 2012, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For many Americans, the wars and armed conflicts in
4 which United States military personnel have engaged bring
5 difficult memories; and

6 WHEREAS, For former prisoners of war and the families of
7 missing personnel, these memories and emotions are particularly
8 painful; and

9 WHEREAS, In the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict, hundreds
10 of thousands of brave Americans left their homes and families to
11 defend freedom and democracy in the face of communist
12 aggression; and

1 WHEREAS, The Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom,
2 Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn and the Global
3 War on Terrorism have created a new generation of POW/MIA heroes
4 who have sacrificed so much to protect the freedoms enjoyed by
5 the citizens of the United States and to provide freedom and
6 democracy for oppressed persons living in countries controlled
7 by dictators and terrorist regimes; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of American military personnel lost their
9 lives in battle, and the fate of more than 83,000 Americans from
10 past conflicts is still unknown; and

11 WHEREAS, Many Americans held captive were subjected to
12 unspeakable horrors but maintained their honor, strong faith in
13 our nation and indomitable spirit; and

14 WHEREAS, There are approximately 22,000 courageous former
15 prisoners of war living among us, including those held captive
16 during World War II, who all still cope with the physical and
17 emotional effects of their captivity; and

18 WHEREAS, We owe a profound debt of gratitude to the quiet
19 heroes who served our nation so well and sacrificed so much,
20 and, to the families of those still missing in action, we pledge
21 our unwavering commitment to achieve the fullest possible
22 accounting of their loved ones and to seek the recovery,
23 repatriation and identification of the remains of those who have
24 died; and

25 WHEREAS, The flag of the National League of Families of
26 American Prisoners of War and Missing in Southeast Asia, a black
27 and white banner symbolizing America's missing service members
28 and our unshakable resolve to ascertain their fate, is flown as
29 a powerful reminder of our duty to honor and account for all
30 persons who have so faithfully served in all wars and conflicts

1 in which the United States was engaged; therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
3 September 21, 2012, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in
4 Pennsylvania.