

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 924 Session of
2006

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
NOVEMBER 21, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the POW/MIA Pennsylvania Project as a model program
2 for the collection of mitochondrial DNA samples to assist in
3 the location of missing military servicemen abroad.

4 WHEREAS, As a result of the United States engagement in the
5 Cold War, 165 United States Air Force servicemen remain missing,
6 16 of whom are from this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1950 the United States sent servicemen to South
8 Korea to defend against a communist takeover; and

9 WHEREAS, As a result of the United States military campaign
10 to defend the democracy of South Korea, more than 8,100 United
11 States servicemen remain missing, 589 of whom are from this
12 Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, Thirty-one years after the end of the Vietnam War
2 1,802 servicemen remain missing, 97 of whom are from this
3 Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, The purpose of the POW/MIA Pennsylvania Project is
5 to help locate Pennsylvania families of servicemen missing and
6 unaccounted for from the Cold War, the Korean War and the
7 Vietnam War; and

8 WHEREAS, Initiated by the Coalition of Families of Korean and
9 Cold War POW/MIAs in association with the Defense Prisoner of
10 War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the POW/MIA Pennsylvania
11 Project is a model project for the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, It is right and fitting that the House of
13 Representatives support the contribution of mitochondrial DNA
14 reference samples in order to enhance efforts to locate families
15 still missing loved ones from the aforementioned military
16 engagements; and

17 WHEREAS, United States military casualty offices will provide
18 these families with assistance; and

19 WHEREAS, Qualified family members are encouraged to donate
20 mitochondrial DNA reference samples for possible remains
21 identification purposes and to locate Korean, Cold War and
22 Vietnam veterans who may have valuable information about fellow
23 comrades left behind; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, with gratitude
25 for the sacrifices of missing soldiers and their families,
26 recognize the POW/MIA Pennsylvania Project and encourage
27 veterans organizations, county veterans affairs directors and
28 civic organizations to assist in publicizing the efforts of DPMO
29 and in the collection of mitochondrial DNA samples; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the Governor, to the Adjutant General, to county Veterans
3 Affairs offices and to other veterans organizations.