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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 19, 2008, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For many Americans, the Korean War and the Vietnam  
4 Conflict bring difficult memories; and

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

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

1 aggression; and

2 WHEREAS, Thousands lost their lives in battle, and the fate  
3 of as many as 88,000 Americans from past conflicts is still  
4 unknown; and

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

8 WHEREAS, There are approximately 50,000 courageous former  
9 prisoners of war living among us, including those held captive  
10 during World War II, who all still cope with the physical and  
11 emotional effects of their captivity; and

12 WHEREAS, We owe a profound debt of gratitude to the quiet  
13 heroes who served our nation so well and sacrificed so much, and  
14 to the families of those still missing in action we pledge our  
15 unwavering commitment to achieve the fullest possible accounting  
16 of their loved ones and to seek the recovery, repatriation and  
17 identification of the remains of those who have died; and

18 WHEREAS, The flag of the National League of Families of  
19 American Prisoners of War and Missing in Southeast Asia, a black  
20 and white banner, symbolizing America's missing service members  
21 and our unshakable resolve to ascertain their fate, is flown as  
22 a powerful reminder of our duty to honor and account for all  
23 persons who have so faithfully served America; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate  
25 September 19, 2008, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in  
26 Pennsylvania.