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30, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating September 18, 2009, 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
11 aggression; and

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

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

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

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

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

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate
24 September 18, 2009, as "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in
25 Pennsylvania.