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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1065 Session of  
2014

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CAUSER, COHEN, COX, DAVIS, DIGIROLAMO, ELLIS, ENGLISH,  
EVERETT, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, GREINER, GRELL,  
HAHN, HARHART, HEFFLEY, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KINSEY, KIRKLAND,  
LONGIETTI, LUCAS, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, McNEILL, MENTZER,  
MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MIRABITO, MIRANDA, O'NEILL, PAYNE, RAPP,  
RAVENSTAHL, ROCK, SACCONI, SAYLOR, SONNEY, TALLMAN, THOMAS,  
TOBASH, TOEPEL, TURZAI, YOUNGBLOOD AND MURT, OCTOBER 3, 2014

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 3, 2014

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, in  
2 consultation with the Capitol Preservation Committee, to  
3 prominently place a prisoners of war/missing in action chair  
4 of honor in the Main Capitol Rotunda area during the days  
5 surrounding National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran's  
6 Day and in other appropriate House of Representatives  
7 locations as deemed appropriate by the Chief Clerk during the  
8 remainder of the year.

9 WHEREAS, The history of our nation was built upon the  
10 triumphs, struggles and sacrifices of the many men and women who  
11 have endured battle and hardship in defense of our nation's  
12 security and freedom; and

13 WHEREAS, We have supported our soldiers in times of both war  
14 and peace and looked forward to their safe return; and

15 WHEREAS, There remains, however, a group of these dedicated  
16 men and women, our prisoners of war/missing in action  
17 (POW/MIAs), who have never returned home, whose sacrifices and

1 ordeals will never be known, and whose bravery will never be  
2 forgotten; and

3 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated's major mission is to  
4 publicize the issues surrounding POW/MIAs and to educate the  
5 public concerning the many American prisoners of war who were  
6 left behind after past wars; and

7 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated also seeks to help  
8 correct the past and protect future veterans from being left  
9 behind should they become POW/MIAs; and

10 WHEREAS, While we look forward to the return of our troops  
11 currently serving overseas and hope for their safety, we must  
12 also remember and pay tribute to the more than 91,000 servicemen  
13 and women who are unaccounted for from the wars and armed  
14 conflicts the United States has been involved in since World War  
15 I; and

16 WHEREAS, In recent years, commemorative chairs honoring  
17 American POW/MIAs have been placed in prominent locations across  
18 the United States, such as at sporting event stadiums, motor  
19 speedways and county and local government centers; and

20 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated's dedicated efforts  
21 have resulted in over two hundred chairs being placed in less  
22 than 18 months; and

23 WHEREAS, The Capitol Complex is an appropriate location to  
24 place a commemorative chair honoring American POW/MIAs; and

25 WHEREAS, Veterans, their families and our communities and  
26 nation should strive to find a renewed commitment to the ideals  
27 for which veterans fought and the strength, unity and resolve to  
28 uphold their mission today and throughout the year; therefore be  
29 it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Chief

1 Clerk of the House, in consultation with the Capitol  
2 Preservation Committee, to prominently place a prisoners of  
3 war/missing in action chair of honor in the Main Capitol Rotunda  
4 area during the days surrounding National POW/MIA Recognition  
5 Day and Veteran's Day and in other appropriate House of  
6 Representatives locations as deemed appropriate by the Chief  
7 Clerk during the remainder of each year; and be it further  
8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
9 public and private organizations and venues to join the House of  
10 Representatives, Rolling Thunder Incorporated and all others who  
11 have pledged that American POW/MIAs will never be forgotten by  
12 placing a POW/MIA Chair of Honor at various public venue  
13 facilities across this Commonwealth.