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House Resolution Noring the American Prisoners of

A resolution honoring the American Prisoners of War and their service to their country.

5 WHEREAS, Americans highly prize and value the sacred 6 right of liberty, that right for which the founders of our 7 nation pledged to fight to win and protect with their lives, 8 their fortunes, and their sacred honor, and

9 WHEREAS, American Prisoners of War exemplify our
10 founding fathers' ideals by putting themselves in harm's way
11 and enduring captivity under deplorable conditions, and

12 WHEREAS, thousands of members of the Armed Forces of 13 the United States who served in foreign wars fought by the 14 United States were captured by the enemy, and

WHEREAS, American Prisoners of War are deprived of freedom and the liberties associated therewith and are separated from families, friends, and loved ones, sometimes for years, and

19 WHEREAS, the courage, honor, and valor shown by 20 American Prisoners of War exemplify the United States Military 21 code of conduct, and

22 WHEREAS, in Public Law 101-355, the Federal Government 23 officially recognized and designated the National League of 24 Families POW/MIA flag as the symbol of the nation's concern 25 for and commitment to accounting as fully as possible for 26 Americans still imprisoned, missing in action, or unaccounted 27 for, and

28 WHEREAS, in 1985 the United States Congress directed 29 the Department of Defense to issue a medal to former Prisoners 30 of War recognizing and commemorating their great sacrifices in 31 the service of our nation, and

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WHEREAS, the United States 102d Congress designated April 9, 1991, and April 9, 1992, as "National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day," and WHEREAS, the sacrifices of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all of our nation's wars, and their б families, are deserving of national recognition and support, and WHEREAS, the State of Florida owes a debt of gratitude to its Prisoners of War for their sacrifices in the face of adversity and confinement, NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby honors its Prisoners of War for their service to the State of Florida and to the United States.

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