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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States urging Congress to provide the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs with information available to the United States Government regarding any Florida resident who is classified as a United States POW/MIA.

WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces are trained and dedicated to protect the security of our nation, and

WHEREAS, these men and women have devoted themselves to the task of protecting our lives and liberty as United States citizens, and

WHEREAS, all Americans derive inspiration from the sacrifices endured by members of the Armed Services during captivity as prisoners of war, and

WHEREAS, the courage of the families of those members of the Armed Services who still remain missing or unaccounted for is also a great source of inspiration and admiration for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, Americans recognize the special debt of gratitude owed to those who have sacrificed their freedom in the service of our country, and

WHEREAS, as a reaffirmation of our commitment to the courageous families of these military personnel, the State of Florida pledges to officially inquire as to the identity of any Florida resident whom the United States Government classifies as a POW/MIA, and



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29 WHEREAS, the State of Florida, upon official notification
 30 that a Florida resident is classified as a United States
 31 POW/MIA, vows to officially act to ascertain information
 32 regarding the POW/MIA's well-being, and to do all that is within
 33 the power of the State of Florida to ensure his or her safe
 34 return, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 36 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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38 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
 39 provide the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs with any
 40 information available to the United States Government regarding
 41 any Florida resident who is classified as a United States
 42 POW/MIA in order that the Florida Department of Veterans'
 43 Affairs, upon official notification that a Florida resident is
 44 so classified, may commence official action to ascertain
 45 information regarding the POW/MIA's well-being and endeavor to
 46 bring about his or her safe return to the United States.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any information made available
 48 to the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs by the United
 49 States Congress or ascertained by the Florida Department of
 50 Veterans' Affairs under the provisions of this memorial shall be
 51 accessible to members of the immediate family of the POW/MIA.
 52 Immediate family is defined as a parent, child, spouse, or any
 53 other relative by blood, marriage, or adoption.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 55 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 56 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 57 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of



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the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.