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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **POW/MIA Recognition Day**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing the United States armed forces personnel who are
4 prisoners of war or listed as missing in action; and declaring the third Friday of
5 September to be "POW/MIA Recognition Day".

6 WHEREAS, The United States has fought in many wars and thousands of
7 Americans who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or listed as missing
8 in action; and

9 WHEREAS, Many of these Americans are still listed as missing and
10 unaccounted for, and the uncertainty surrounding their fates has caused their
11 families to suffer tragic and continuing hardships; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress designated POW/MIA
13 Recognition Day as September 18th; and

14 WHEREAS, No day is set aside in the State to recognize the prisoners of war
15 and those listed as missing in action; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
17 General Assembly recognizes the sacrifices of Americans still missing and
18 unaccounted for from all of our Nation's wars and that their families are deserving of
19 national recognition and support for continued priority efforts to determine the fate of
20 those missing Americans; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland hereby declares the third
22 Friday in September to be "POW/MIA Recognition Day"; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
24 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
25 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
26 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.