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Designating September 17, 1993, as “National POW/MIA Recognition Day” and authorizing display of the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and Veterans' Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has fought in many wars and thousands of Americans who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action;

Whereas many American prisoners of war were subjected to brutal and inhumane treatment by their enemy captors in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war, and many such prisoners of war died from such treatment;

Whereas many of these Americans are still listed as missing and unaccounted for, and the uncertainty surrounding their fates has caused their families to suffer tragic and continuing hardships;

Whereas, in Public Law 101–355, the Federal Government officially recognized and designated the National League of Families POW/MIA flag as the symbol of the Nation’s concern and commitment to accounting as fully as possible for Americans still prisoner, missing in action, or unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

Whereas the sacrifices of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all our Nation’s wars and their families are deserving of national recognition and support for continued priority efforts to determine the fate of those missing Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL POW/MIA REC-**
4 **OGNITION DAY.**

5 September 17, 1993, is designated as “National
6 POW/MIA Recognition Day”, and the President is author-
7 ized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the
8 people of the United States to observe the day with appro-
9 priate ceremonies and activities.

10 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY NATIONAL LEAGUE OF**
11 **FAMILIES POW/MIA FLAG.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The POW/MIA flag shall be dis-
13 played—

1 (1) at all national cemeteries and the National
2 Vietnam Veterans Memorial on May 31, 1993 (Me-
3 morial Day), September 17, 1993 (National POW/
4 MIA Recognition Day), and November 11, 1993
5 (Veteran’s Day); and

6 (2) on, or on the grounds of, the buildings spec-
7 ified in subsection (b) on September 17, 1993;

8 as the symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment
9 to accounting as fully as possible for Americans still pris-
10 oner, missing, and unaccounted for, thus ending the un-
11 certainty for their families and the Nation.

12 (b) BUILDINGS.—The buildings specified in this sub-
13 section are—

14 (1) the White House; and

15 (2) the buildings containing the primary offices
16 of the—

17 (A) Secretary of State;

18 (B) Secretary of Defense;

19 (C) Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

20 (D) Director of the Selective Service Com-
21 mission.

22 (c) POW/MIA FLAG.—As used in this section, the
23 term “POW/MIA flag” means the National League of
24 Families POW/MIA flag recognized officially and des-
25 ignated by section 2 of Public Law 101–355.

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