

Public Law 103-320  
103d Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating September 16, 1994, as "National POW/MIA Recognition Day" and authorizing display of the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

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[S.J. Res. 196]

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 the Joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution designating September 21, 1990, as 'National POW/MIA Recognition Day', and recognizing the National League of Families POW/MIA flag", approved August 10, 1990, 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 whom are still prisoners of war, missing in action, or unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the Americans whom are still missing in action 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

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY.**

September 16, 1994, is designated "National POW/MIA Recognition Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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

(a) IN GENERAL.—The POW/MIA flag shall be displayed, as a symbol of the concern and commitment of the United States to accounting, as fully as possible, for Americans whom are still prisoners of war, missing in action, or unaccounted for and to ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation—

(1) at all national cemeteries and the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial on May 30, 1994 (Memorial Day), September 16, 1994 (National POW/MIA Recognition Day), and November 11, 1994 (Veteran's Day); and

(2) on, or on the grounds of, the buildings specified in subsection (b) on September 16, 1994.

(b) BUILDINGS.—The buildings specified in this subsection are—

(1) the White House;

(2) the Capitol Building; and

(3) the buildings containing the primary offices of the—

(A) Secretary of State;

(B) Secretary of Defense;

(C) Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

(D) Director of the Selective Service Commission.

(c) POW/MIA FLAG.—As used in this section, the term “POW/MIA flag” means the National League of Families POW/MIA flag recognized officially and designated by section 2 of the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating September 21, 1990, as ‘National POW/MIA Recognition Day’, and recognizing the National League of Families POW/MIA flag”, approved August 10, 1990 (36 U.S.C. 189).

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