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Expressing the sense of Congress that all trade agreements the United States enters into, should provide reasonable access and collaboration of each nation involved in such an agreement, for the purpose of search and recovery activities relating to members of the United States Armed Forces missing in action from prior wars or military conflicts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that all trade agreements the United States enters into, should provide reasonable access and collaboration of each nation involved in such an agreement, for the purpose of search and recovery activities relating to members of the United States Armed Forces missing in action from prior wars or military conflicts.

Whereas the Department of Defense Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Accounting Agency must currently approach MIA recovery operations on a country by country basis via diplomatic, civil, and military negotiations;

Whereas countries utilizing mutually beneficial trade agreements with the United States should provide a transparent and efficient process to aid in the recovery of United States POW/MIA operations;

Whereas the Department of Defense estimates approximately 1,627 United States citizens who served during the Vietnam War are still unaccounted for in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia despite quarterly Joint Field Activity excavation and recovery efforts;

Whereas some 73,000 members of the United States Armed Forces remain unaccounted for throughout Europe, China, and Japan after sacrificing their lives during World War II; and

Whereas nearly 8,000 members of the United States Armed Forces are still missing on the Korean Peninsula after bravely serving during the Korean War: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that all trade
 3 agreements the United States enters into, should provide
 4 reasonable access and collaboration of each nation involved
 5 in such an agreement, for the purpose of search and recovery
 6 activities relating to members of the United States
 7 Armed Forces missing in action from prior wars or military
 8 conflicts.

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