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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 8, 2009

A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the American prisoner of war and missing in action issue.

WHEREAS, The issue of prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW/MIA) has been a national dilemma since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, There is a vital need for an independent investigation into all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, the Korean War, World War II, cold war missions or the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility and the duty of the United States Government to bring home all POWs and MIAs; and

WHEREAS; As of July 2005, the Government Accountability Office listed 88,115 servicemen and servicewomen as unaccounted

for; and

WHEREAS, American POWs and MIAs have demonstrated the true spirit of this nation and should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, The families of American military men and women deserve to know what truly happened to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Americans from every generation have answered the call to duty with dedication and valor, and they deserve the respect and gratitude of this nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the American prisoner of war and missing in action issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.