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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States of America owes a profound debt
3 of gratitude to the members of the Armed Forces who have been
4 prisoners of war (POWs) and to those who remain missing in
5 action (MIA), having made extraordinary sacrifices in the
6 service of their country; and

7 WHEREAS, The families and loved ones of POWs and MIAs have
8 endured immeasurable hardship and uncertainty, demonstrating
9 courage, resilience, and unwavering hope; and

10 WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day honors the commitment and
11 sacrifices made by these brave individuals and reaffirms our
12 nation's pledge to account for every service member who has
13 not yet returned home; and

14 WHEREAS, Recognizing POW/MIA Recognition Day provides an
15 important opportunity to educate the public, promote
16 remembrance, and express collective support for efforts to
17 locate and repatriate all missing service members; and

18 WHEREAS, The third Friday of September is traditionally
19 observed nationwide as a day to honor POWs and MIAs, and formal
20 recognition by this legislative body further reinforces its
21 importance; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1998, Public Act 90-0752 established the
2 permanent yearly observance of POW/MIA Recognition Day in the
3 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we encourage the
7 citizens of Illinois to recognize and honor those who have
8 made extraordinary sacrifices in the service of our State and
9 country on POW/MIA Recognition Day this year on September 19,
10 2025.