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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Today, there are an estimated 21.7 million  
3 veterans living in the United States, with the oldest having  
4 served in World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Since the founding of the United States, there  
6 have been over 50 million Americans who have served in the  
7 United States military in some capacity; and

8 WHEREAS, Some soldiers never return home and may be  
9 classified as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA),  
10 or Died in Captivity (DIC); and

11 WHEREAS, There currently is an estimated 83,000 American  
12 service personnel still considered MIA; and

13 WHEREAS, The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA)  
14 mission is to recover fallen Americans and provide the fullest  
15 possible accounting for missing personnel to their families and  
16 the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Many of those classified as POW, MIA, or DIC are  
18 never given a proper burial, and many are in unmarked graves  
19 across the world; and

1           WHEREAS, The United States has always strived to ensure  
2 that every soldier will be returned home and continues to  
3 search for and find fallen soldiers from wars that took place  
4 decades ago; and

5           WHEREAS, From 1991 to 1993, the United States Senate had a  
6 select committee on POW/MIA affairs to ensure that the nation  
7 met its obligation to the missing and to the families of those  
8 still listed as unaccounted; and

9           WHEREAS, After extensive research, the U.S. Senate Select  
10 Committee on POW/MIA Affairs produced an over 1,000 page report  
11 detailing the efforts and challenges the United States faces  
12 for recovery of those determined as POW, MIA, or DIC;  
13 therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the priority  
16 of the United States to bring every fallen service member home;  
17 and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to reestablish the select  
19 committee on POW/MIA affairs to investigate issues relating to  
20 the process of recovering United States fallen service members;  
21 and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority  
3 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck  
4 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of  
5 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and all members  
6 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.