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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Today, there are an estimated 19 million veterans in the United States, and more than 720,000 of them live in Illinois, with the oldest having served in World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Since the founding of the United States, 50 million Americans have served in the U.S. military in some capacity; and

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

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WHEREAS, Currently, an estimated 81,600 American service personnel are still considered MIA, of which 4,152 were from Illinois; and

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, The United States has always striven to ensure
2 that every soldier be returned home and continues to search
3 for and find fallen soldiers from past wars; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare September
6 16, 2022 as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of Illinois as
7 a day of remembrance to honor those who bravely served their
8 country and never returned home; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we support the priority of the United
10 States to bring every fallen service member home.