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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The third Friday of September is set aside each year  
2 for the observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Texans  
3 across the state are marking this occasion on September 18, 2015;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, In 1979, the United States Congress first passed a  
6 resolution naming July 18 as National POW/MIA Recognition Day to  
7 honor prisoners of war and members of the military still missing in  
8 action; the date was changed in 1986, and now each year on the  
9 designated day, the black and white POW/MIA flag is flown over the  
10 White House, the U.S. Capitol, and military installations, among  
11 other sites, to symbolize our nation's commitment to resolving as  
12 fully as possible the fate of individuals who did not return from  
13 the battlefield; and

14           WHEREAS, This solemn event reminds all citizens that the true  
15 cost of war extends far beyond the end of conflict; tens of  
16 thousands of people are still considered missing in action or  
17 unaccounted for from World War II, and thousands more from the wars  
18 that followed; families continue to suffer from the tragic absence  
19 of their loved ones and from the emotional burdens caused by a lack  
20 of closure; and

21           WHEREAS, Today and every day, we acknowledge our profound  
22 debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have served so  
23 selflessly in our name, and we express our deep appreciation for the  
24 tremendous sacrifices made by military families; the nation remains

1 steadfast in its determination to recover missing Americans, and  
2 this mission is not accomplished until all are returned safely to  
3 our shores or a full accounting of their fate is provided; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commemorate September 18, 2015, as National  
7 POW/MIA Recognition Day and assure the families of prisoners of war  
8 and those still missing in action that their loved ones are not  
9 forgotten.