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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 16, 2016;
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

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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 16, 2016, 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.