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Joint Resolution

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To provide for the designation of July 20, 1984, as "National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day".

Whereas the United States has fought in many wars;
Whereas thousands of Americans who served in such wars were captured by the enemy or are missing in action;
Whereas many American prisoners of war were subjected to brutal and inhuman treatment by their enemy captors in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war and many such prisoners of war died from such treatment;
Whereas many Americans missing in action remain unaccounted for and the uncertainty surrounding their fate has caused their families to suffer acute hardship; and
Whereas the sacrifices of American prisoners of war and Americans missing in action and their families are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twentieth day of July 1984 shall be designated as "National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to commemorate such day with appropriate activities.

Approved April 13, 1984.

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