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S. 528

To require the display of the POW/MIA flag on various occasions and in various locations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National POW/MIA
5 Recognition Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the United States has fought in many wars,
9 and thousands of Americans who served in those

1 wars were captured by the enemy or listed as miss-
2 ing in action;

3 (2) many of these Americans are still missing
4 and unaccounted for, and the uncertainty surround-
5 ing their fates has caused their families to suffer
6 tragic and continuing hardships;

7 (3) as a symbol of the Nation's concern and
8 commitment to accounting as fully as possible for all
9 Americans still held prisoner, missing, or unac-
10 counted for by reason of their service in the Armed
11 Forces and to honor the Americans who in future
12 wars may be captured or listed as missing or unac-
13 counted for, Congress has officially recognized the
14 National League of Families POW/MIA flag; and

15 (4) the American people observe and honor with
16 appropriate ceremony and activity the third Friday
17 of September each year as National POW/MIA Rec-
18 ognition Day.

19 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF POW/MIA FLAG.**

20 In this Act, the term "POW/MIA flag" means the
21 National League of Families POW/MIA flag recognized
22 and designated by section 2 of Public Law 101-355 (104
23 Stat. 416).

1 **SEC. 4. DISPLAY.**

2 The POW/MIA flag shall be displayed on Armed
3 Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day,
4 Veterans Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and
5 on the last business day before each of the preceding holi-
6 days, on the grounds or in the public lobbies of—

7 (1) major military installations as designated by
8 the Secretary of Defense;

9 (2) Federal national cemeteries;

10 (3) the national Korean War Veterans Memo-
11 rial;

12 (4) the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial;

13 (5) the White House;

14 (6) the official office of the—

15 (A) Secretary of State;

16 (B) Secretary of Defense;

17 (C) Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

18 (D) Director of the Selective Service Sys-
19 tem; and

20 (7) United States Postal Service post offices.

21 **SEC. 5. REPEAL OF PROVISION RELATING TO DISPLAY OF**
22 **POW/MIA FLAG.**

23 Section 1084 of the National Defense Authorization
24 Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (36 U.S.C. 189 note,
25 Public Law 102–190) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the agency or department responsible for a
4 location listed in section 2 shall prescribe any regulation
5 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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