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H. R. 2765

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 30, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. RUSH, Mr. COOK, and Mr. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Perpetual POW/MIA
5 Stamp Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Department of Defense reports that
2 more than 83,000 service members remain missing
3 since World War II;

4 (2) the United States Government has an obli-
5 gation to achieve the fullest possible accounting for
6 the Americans who have gone missing while serving
7 the country and to leave no one unaccounted for in
8 future conflicts;

9 (3) in 1982, the POW/MIA flag became the
10 first flag other than the Flag of the United States
11 to fly over the White House in Washington, DC;

12 (4) on August 10, 1990, Public Law 101–355
13 designated the POW/MIA flag as “The Symbol of
14 our Nation’s concern and commitment to resolving
15 as fully as possible the fates of Americans still pris-
16 oner, missing, and unaccounted for in Southeast
17 Asia.”; and

18 (5) the POW/MIA flag should maintain contin-
19 ued visibility as a constant reminder of the plight of
20 America’s Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

21 **SEC. 3. PERPETUAL POW/MIA STAMP.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to continue to honor the
23 sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed
24 Forces who have been prisoner, missing, or unaccounted
25 for, the Postmaster General shall provide for the issuance

1 of a forever stamp suitable for that purpose and depicts
2 the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
4 “forever stamp” means a definitive stamp which meets the
5 postage required for first-class mail up to one ounce in
6 weight, and which retains full validity for that purpose
7 even if the rate of that postage is later increased.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
9 section (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall not
11 thereafter be discontinued.

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