

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 1624

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, as an entity of the United States Postal Service, should issue a series of forever postage stamps to honor the sacrifices of servicemembers who have been designated prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Mr. WENSTRUP submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are an estimated 80,000 members of the United States military who have been held captive and returned, or those who remain missing in action;

Whereas 38,000 servicemembers are estimated to be recoverable, highlighting the need for concerted efforts to bring an end to their time overseas;

Whereas the United States government has a duty to honor their sacrifice, promote public awareness of their status, and declare that they shall not be forgotten;

Whereas they must never be diminished to a statistic, a tangible image of the Missing Man reminds Americans of the servicemembers as individuals who have never returned home, and whose families are waiting for the call;

Whereas the United States finds it appropriate to keep vigil for those left behind in conflict through the display of the National League of Families POW/MIA flag;

Whereas a series of postage stamps will serve as a reminder of the burden of waiting and torch of hope that families across the United States still bear;

Whereas some servicemembers may have perished abroad, but like Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin, the first American servicemember to go missing in the Iraq War, their families deserve the closure of their remains;

Whereas postage stamps featuring images of POW/MIA servicemembers whose remains were brought home, but were previously considered missing or prisoner, would justify our faith that POW/MIA families will all one day find closure; and

Whereas issuing postage stamps that honor servicemembers who are prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for is fitting and proper: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-  
2       resentatives that—

3               (1) the United States Postal Service should  
4       issue a series of forever postage stamps featuring  
5       servicemembers who were prisoners of war or miss-

1        ing in action, and whose remains were recovered and  
2        brought home; and

3            (2) the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
4        should recommend to the Postmaster General that  
5        such postage stamps be issued.

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