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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE POW/MIA TRUTH BILL, THAT RELATES TO THE DISCLOSURE OF LIVE SIGHTING INFORMATION ON AMERICAN SERVICE PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION FROM WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM; URGING APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE, SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND FUNDING FOR RESOLVING POW/MIA ISSUES; AND DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION.

WHEREAS, there are more than 88,000 American service personnel missing in action from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, recent information has been released regarding American service personnel held against their will after World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee released an interim report in October 1990 that concluded that American service personnel were held in Southeast Asia after the end of the Vietnam Conflict and that information available to the United States government does not rule out the probability that American service personnel are still being held in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1973, the United States Department of Defense publicly stated that there was "no evidence" of live American POWs in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the public statement was given nine days after Pathet Lao leaders declared on April 3, 1973, that Laotian communist forces did, in fact, have live American prisoners of war in their control; and

WHEREAS, no POWs held by the Laotian government and military forces were ever released; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than 11,700 live sighting reports received by the Department of Defense since 1973 and, after detailed analysis, the Department of Defense admits there are a number of "unresolved" and "discrepancy" cases; and

WHEREAS, in October 1990, the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee released an "Interim Report on the Southeast Asian POW/MIA Issue" that concluded that United States military and civilian personnel were held against their will in Southeast Asia, despite earlier public statements by the Department of Defense that there was "no evidence" of live POWs, and that information available to the United States government does not rule out the probability that United States citizens are still held in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Interim Report states that congressional inquiries into the POW/MIA issue have been hampered by information that was concealed from committee members, or were "misinterpreted or manipulated" in government files; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA truth bill would direct the heads of the federal government agencies and departments to disclose information concerning the United States service personnel classified as prisoners of war or missing in action from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict; and

WHEREAS, this bill would censor the sources and methods used to collect the live sighting reports, thus protecting national security; and

WHEREAS, the families of these missing service personnel need and deserve the opportunity to have access to the information concerning the status of their loved ones after these many years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 43RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Congress of the United States is urged to appoint a select committee to assist the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee in obtaining information in government files.

THAT the Congress of the United States is urged to begin immediate committee hearings to consider enacting the POW/MIA truth bill.

THAT the Congress of the United States is requested to continue funding of this investigation that is vital to resolving the POW/MIA issue in Southeast Asia.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Secretary of State, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 8th day of May, 1991.

President of the Senate