



OFFERED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY

WHEREAS: National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed annually on the third Friday in September to remember and honor those who are prisoners of war (POW), missing in action (MIA), and to ensure that the country is doing its utmost to account for those who have never returned; *and*

WHEREAS: It was passed in Congress in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter to account for those who were POW/MIA in the Vietnam War; *and*

WHEREAS: According to the Department of Defense's POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), more than 81,000 Americans who served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf War, and more recent conflicts remain missing. 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed to be lost at sea; *and*

WHEREAS: The DPAA's mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation. Their work includes searching for missing personnel to fulfill the nation's promise to leave no service member behind; *and*

WHEREAS: 65 recovery missions and 50 investigative missions have been conducted by the DPAA so far to uncover lost personnel. So far this year, four U.S. Army Air Forces Servicemen missing from World War II was accounted for; *and*

WHEREAS: The black and white POW/MIA flag was created by a World War II pilot Newt Heisley in 1972. The words "You Are Not Forgotten" appear on the flag and remind us to never forget our prisoners of war and those missing in action; *and now therefore be it*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council honors, remembers, and recognizes the bravery and sacrifices of those who are held captive or remain missing, and continues to support their families in recognition of their services and sacrifices to the nation. We will not forget them.

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