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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Today, there are an estimated 21.7 million
3 veterans living in the United States, the oldest having served
4 in World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, From Illinois, there are approximately 3,000 to
6 4,000 veterans from World War II, 300-400 veterans from the
7 Korean War, and 65 veterans from the Vietnam War; and

8 WHEREAS, Since the United States was founded, over 80
9 million Americans have served in the United States Military;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Many soldiers never returned home and may still be
12 classified as Prisoners of War (POWs), Missing in Action (MIA)
13 or died while in captivity (POW-MIA-BNR-DCC-XX); and

14 WHEREAS, Currently, over 80,000 American service personnel
15 are still considered MIA; and

16 WHEREAS, Many of the wartime missing in action, who need to
17 be recovered and returned, remain entombed within the borders
18 of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, North Korea, China, and Russia; and

19 WHEREAS, The Defense Intelligence Agency established the

1 Stony Beach program in 1986 in an effort to help resolve these
2 cases; the Stony Beach mission is to achieve the fullest
3 possible accounting of unaccounted-for Americans from the
4 Vietnam War; it is the only U.S. government entity focused
5 solely on Vietnam War POW/MIA accounting; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States and the DIA-Stony Beach ground
7 teams need to continue to pursue any leads that could result in
8 the arrest of former wartime criminals; and

9 WHEREAS, The wartime interrogation teams need to be
10 captured and brought to justice, as there is no statute of
11 limitations for war crimes; and

12 WHEREAS, The former Select U.S. Sub-committee on POW-MIA
13 Affairs was allowed to dissolve without notification and needs
14 to be reestablished; and

15 WHEREAS, The U.S. Senate POW-MIA committee discovered that
16 a 1,000-page report was generated, detailing the many
17 challenges and efforts to bring MIAs home; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support all efforts
20 to locate and return those missing in action from Illinois,
21 including the reestablishment of previous committees; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That we urge all U.S. Military organizations to
3 abide by the Department of Defense rules and policies when DPAA
4 JFI-JFR teams are locked into excavating a potential grave
5 site, so as not to compromise or jeopardize the site; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Department of Defense DPAA
8 to remove those currently listed as Dead-XX and give these
9 American service personnel the same privilege and opportunity
10 of being reclassified onto the Master Excavation Listing (MEL)
11 country by country.