

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Beseeching the Department of Defense and the President of the  
 2 United States to expedite the recovery of the remains of the  
 3 crew of the plane that went down and to continue their  
 4 efforts in finding and recovering all remains of military  
 5 personnel from all conflicts.

6 WHEREAS, On November 27, 1945, a C-47 Dakota aircraft took  
 7 off from Singapore on a transport flight to Butterworth  
 8 Airfield; and

9 WHEREAS, The crew of the aircraft was as follows:

10 (1) Pilot: Flight Officer Judson B. Baskett from Texas.

11 (2) Co-Pilot: 1st Lt. William H. Myers from  
 12 Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

13 (3) Radio operator: Private First Class Donald E. Jones  
 14 from Minnesota;

15 and

16 WHEREAS, The crew members were part of the 1305th Army Air

1 Force Base Unit and the aircraft was assigned to the Air  
2 Transport Command; and

3 WHEREAS, The last reported location of the aircraft was by  
4 radio. After being reported missing, American and British  
5 aircraft cooperated in searching for the missing aircraft. On  
6 the fifth day of searching, flares were sighted, but no results  
7 were reported; and

8 WHEREAS, The aircraft was initially discovered during July  
9 1966, in the jungle near Perak, Malaysia, and was found again in  
10 1985 and 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, The wreckage was reported to the Joint POW/MIA  
12 Accounting Command on October 13, 2009; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives beseech the  
14 Department of Defense and the President of the United States to  
15 expedite the recovery of the remains of the crew of the plane  
16 that went down and to continue their efforts in finding and  
17 recovering all remains of military personnel from all conflicts;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
20 President, the Secretary of Defense, each member of Congress  
21 from Pennsylvania and to Lois K. Herr, 210 Lancaster Ave, PO Box  
22 519, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064-0519.