
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Rolling Thunder Incorporated's effort to prominently
2 place a prisoners of war/missing in action chair of honor in
3 the Main Capitol Rotunda area during the days surrounding
4 National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran's Day.

5 WHEREAS, The history of our nation was built upon the
6 triumphs, struggles and sacrifices of the many men and women who
7 have endured battle and hardship in defense of our nation's
8 security and freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, We support our soldiers in times of both war and
10 peace and look forward to their safe return; and

11 WHEREAS, There remains, however, a group of these dedicated
12 men and women, our prisoners of war/missing in action
13 (POW/MIAs), who have never returned home, whose sacrifices and
14 ordeals will never be known and whose bravery will never be
15 forgotten; and

16 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated's major mission is to
17 publicize the issues surrounding POW/MIAs and to educate the
18 public concerning the many American prisoners of war who were

1 left behind after past wars; and

2 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated also seeks to help
3 correct the past and protect future veterans from being left
4 behind should they become POW/MIAs; and

5 WHEREAS, While we look forward to the return of our troops
6 currently serving overseas and hope for their safety, we must
7 also remember and pay tribute to the more than 91,000 servicemen
8 and women who are unaccounted for from the wars and armed
9 conflicts the United States has been involved in since World War
10 I; and

11 WHEREAS, In recent years, commemorative chairs honoring
12 American POW/MIAs have been placed in prominent locations across
13 the United States, such as at sporting event stadiums, motor
14 speedways and county and local government centers; and

15 WHEREAS, Rolling Thunder Incorporated's dedicated efforts
16 have resulted in over two hundred chairs being placed in less
17 than 18 months; and

18 WHEREAS, The Capitol Complex is an appropriate location to
19 place a commemorative chair honoring American POW/MIAs; and

20 WHEREAS, Veterans, their families and our communities and
21 nation should strive to find a renewed commitment to the ideals
22 for which veterans fought and the strength, unity and resolve to
23 uphold their mission today and throughout the year; therefore be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize Rolling Thunder
26 Incorporated's efforts to prominently place a prisoners of
27 war/missing in action chair of honor in the Main Capitol Rotunda
28 area during the days surrounding National POW/MIA Recognition
29 Day and Veteran's Day; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize all public and private

1 organizations and venues who have pledged that American POW/MIAs
2 will never be forgotten by placing a POW/MIA Chair of Honor at
3 various public venue facilities across this Commonwealth.