

HOUSE No. 2796

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis and Aaron Vega

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating the John McCain prisoner of war day of remembrance.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i> | <i>2nd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Carlos Gonzalez</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i> | <i>5th Barnstable</i> |
| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i> | <i>4th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i> | <i>1st Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jerald A. Parisella</i> | <i>6th Essex</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> |

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| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i> | <i>7th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i> | <i>9th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bud L. Williams</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |

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By Messrs. Velis of Westfield and Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2796) of John C. Velis and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate March 14th as John McCain prisoner of war day of remembrance. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act creating the John McCain prisoner of war day of remembrance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the general laws are hereby amended by adding the following
2 section:-

3 15CCCCC. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the
4 fourteenth day of March as John McCain Prisoner of War Day of Remembrance in recognition
5 of the many sacrifices made by Senator John McCain and other prisoners of war throughout
6 American history, and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the
7 people.