

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Whereas, On January 30, 2015, Secretary Chuck Hagel established the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) with the goal to remain committed to bringing our missing and fallen heroes home; and

Whereas, DPAA has launched investigations worldwide to locate sites associated with unaccounted servicemen, including, Vietnam where 1,617 Americans remain missing; and

Whereas, the United States involvement in the Vietnam War ended with the Paris Peace Accords on January 27, 1973; and

Whereas, there are 35 Missourians who are unaccounted for, 20 of those men are classified as killed in action, body not recovered, and 15 are classified as presumptive finding of death; and

Whereas, those 15 servicemen include: First Lieutenant Steven Neil Bezold, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Donald Martin Cramer, First Lieutenant William R. Edmondson, Private First Class Dickey W. Finley, Private First Class Paul Alfred Hasenbeck, First Lieutenant Frederick William Hess Jr., Lieutenant Junior Grade Charles Weldon Marik, Major Carl D. Miller, First Lieutenant Bernard Herbert Plassmeyer, Lieutenant Colonel Dayton William Ragland, First Lieutenant Dwight G. Rickman, Captain Robert Page Rosenbach, Captain John W. Seuell, First Lieutenant George Craig Smith, and Sergeant Randolph Bothwell Suber; and

Whereas, the families of those 15 servicemen have not had the closure of knowing what happened to their loved ones, or the option to bring their loved ones home for an honorable burial; and

Whereas, it has been 44 years since the end of the Vietnam War and 15 Missouri families have yet to be made whole again; and

Whereas, the DPAA needs to prioritize finding the 15 Missouri servicemen who are classified as presumptive finding of death and bring closure to those families:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby urge the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to prioritize resolving the cases of the 15 Missourians from the Vietnam War whose status is presumptive finding of death; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed

copy of this resolution for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and each member of the Missouri congressional delegation.

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