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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2014

Mr. TOOMEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Perpetual POW/MIA
5 Stamp Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Department of Defense reports that
2 more than 83,000 servicemembers remain missing
3 since World War II;

4 (2) the United States Government has an obli-
5 gation to—

6 (A) achieve the fullest possible accounting
7 for the people of the United States who have
8 gone missing while serving the country; and

9 (B) leave no person unaccounted for in fu-
10 ture conflicts;

11 (3) in 1982, the National League of Families
12 POW/MIA flag (referred to in this Act as the
13 “POW/MIA flag”) became the first flag other than
14 the flag of the United States to fly over the White
15 House in Washington, DC;

16 (4) Public Law 101–355, enacted on August
17 10, 1990, designated the POW/MIA flag as “the
18 symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment to
19 resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans
20 still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in South-
21 east Asia”; and

22 (5) the POW/MIA flag should maintain contin-
23 ued visibility as a constant reminder of the plight of
24 the people of the United States who are prisoners of
25 war or missing in action.

1 **SEC. 3. PERPETUAL POW/MIA STAMP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to continue to honor the
3 sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed
4 Forces who have been prisoners of war, missing in action,
5 or unaccounted for, the Postal Service shall issue a forever
6 stamp that—

7 (1) is suitable for that purpose; and

8 (2) depicts the POW/MIA flag.

9 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term
10 “forever stamp” means a stamp that—

11 (1) meets the postage required for first-class
12 mail up to 1 ounce in weight; and

13 (2) retains full validity for the postage de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) even if the rate of that
15 postage is later increased.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in sub-
17 section (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable
18 after the date of enactment of this Act and shall not there-
19 after be discontinued.

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