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Honoring United States Navy pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher who was killed in Operation Desert Storm.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring United States Navy pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher who was killed in Operation Desert Storm.

Whereas more than 88,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas the people of the United States honor Captain Michael Scott Speicher;

Whereas Captain Speicher was shot down in Wadi Thumayal while flying an F/A-18 Hornet fighter jet on January 16, 1991, the first night of the Persian Gulf War;

Whereas Captain Speicher's fate remained unknown until July 2009, when United States Marines stationed in Anbar recovered his remains in an unmarked desert grave;

Whereas Captain Speicher made the ultimate sacrifice for his country; and

Whereas Captain Speicher's wife and 2 children have sacrificed to the greatest extent, and the people of the United States honor them by commemorating Captain Speicher: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors Captain Michael Scott Speicher for
3 his service and sacrifice, and for giving his life fight-
4 ing for the Nation in Operation Desert Storm;

5 (2) honors Captain Speicher's family for their
6 love and undying strength and determination to
7 bring Captain Speicher home;

8 (3) encourages the Department of Defense to
9 continue the Nation's efforts to provide clear and ac-
10 curate information about what happened to our fall-
11 en heroes, to determine the nature and cause of
12 Captain Speicher's death, and to continue account-
13 ing for all who remain missing in action; and

14 (4) honors the United States Navy, the United
15 States Marine Corps, the Defense Intelligence Agen-
16 cy, and the Department of Defense for their efforts
17 to bring Captain Speicher home.

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