

RESOLUTION 4-S.F.No. 2348

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take whatever action is necessary to obtain the release of Americans who may be held against their will in North Korea, China, Russia, and Vietnam.

WHEREAS, United States satellite and spy plane photos show names and rescue codes of missing servicemen spelled out on the ground in Vietnam and Laos; and

WHEREAS, such rescue codes are constructed exactly as the missing men were taught should they ever be captured; and

WHEREAS, the executive branch of the United States government has declined to follow the unanimous recommendation of the Senate Select POW/MIA committee to make a by-name request of the government of Vietnam regarding the fate of an individual associated with a June 5, 1992, symbol at a Vietnamese prison; and

WHEREAS, the executive branch has steadfastly refused a unanimous recommendation from the same committee to create an imagery review task force to look for other symbols from prisoners; and

WHEREAS, intelligence indicates a group of live American prisoners held in North Korea; and

WHEREAS, intelligence reports indicate the presence of American POWs held in North Korea, China, Russia, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has rebuffed overtures from Vietnam and North Korea regarding the release of live American POWs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President and the Congress of the United States to take whatever action is necessary to obtain the release of Americans who may be held against their will in North Korea, China, Russia, and Vietnam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Presented to the governor March 30, 2000

Signed by the governor April 3, 2000, 2:02 p.m.