

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation and the Congress act quickly in providing the necessary loans and grants to the Milwaukee Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress.

Approved March 16, 1978.

RESOLUTION 3-H.F.No.2177

A resolution relating to the war in Southeast Asia; expressing the concern of the Minnesota legislature for those MIAs and POWs that are unaccounted; urging action by the national leadership to end the heartache caused by the lack of information about these servicemen.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, notes that five years has passed since the signing of the Paris Peace Treaty; and

WHEREAS, agreements entered into with the Communist controlled governments of Southeast Asia in regard to a just and fair accounting of those Americans lost during the Vietnam War have consistently been broken save for a token number of remains returned at times the Communists deemed to be to their advantage; and

WHEREAS, the remains of only two of the 28 Minnesota men missing in action from the war have been returned to their native soil; and

WHEREAS, the families of these men have suffered long and cruelly over the years by the constant manipulation of our American servicemen; and

WHEREAS, our national leadership has allowed Vietnam into the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the government of Vietnam insists upon financial assistance in addition to the concessions already made before it will provide an accounting of those men missing in action; and

WHEREAS, to barter for POW/MIA information is submitting to the lowest and most inhumane form of international blackmail; and

WHEREAS, there must be new initiatives made to obtain information about Americans listed as POW, MIA, and Killed in Action-Remains Not Recovered; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota urge the Congress of the United States to maintain an active Presidential Task Force on MIAs; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota support the beloved Senator Hubert Humphrey's United States Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 51, and United States Congressman Ben Gilman's (New York) House Concurrent Resolution Number 252 calling for a United Nation's Investigatory Commission to search for Americans missing in Southeast Asia; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota urge the Administration and the United States Congress to speak out forcefully and publicly on the issue of our POW/MIAs; that no further trade agreements be negotiated with any of the Communist governments involved in Southeast Asia; that the present trade embargo be maintained; and that no material or monetary aid be considered for Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia until accurate accounting and/or return of our POW/MIAs has been made; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has the greatest sympathy for the families of military personnel listed as missing in action during the war, and request that no further changes in status of these men should be made until a full accounting has been completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be directed to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Senate and House Armed Forces Committees and to each Senator and Representative in the United States Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved March 28, 1978.