

**RESOLUTION 5-H.F.No. 196**

*A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the POW/MIA truth bill, that relates to the disclosure of live sighting information on American service personnel missing in action from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.*

WHEREAS, there are more than 88,000 American service personnel missing in action from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, recent information has been released regarding American service personnel being held against their will after World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee released an interim report in October 1990 that concluded that American service personnel were held in Southeast Asia after the end of the Vietnam War and that information available to the United States government does not rule out the probability that American service personnel are still being held in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA truth bill, would direct the heads of the federal government agencies and departments to disclose information concerning the United States service personnel classified as prisoners of war or missing in action from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, this bill would censor out the sources and methods used to collect the live sighting reports, thus protecting national security; and

WHEREAS, the families of these missing service personnel need and deserve the opportunity to have access to the information concerning the status of their loved ones after these many years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress of the United States to begin immediate committee hearings and requests action on the POW/MIA truth bill.

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

Presented to the governor April 18, 1991

Signed by the governor April 22, 1991, 3:05 p.m.