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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Robert Pacheco

May 22, 2001

House Resolution No. 21—Relative to Memorial Day.

1 WHEREAS, The last Monday in May has been officially
2 designated as Memorial Day, a special day to remember and honor
3 our nation’s war dead; and

4 WHEREAS, The observance of Memorial Day is one of
5 America’s noblest traditions; a time when we celebrate freedom,
6 the most basic of the beliefs on which our nation was founded and
7 so precious that it is worth the price of our lives to preserve it; and

8 WHEREAS, ~~More than 1,300,000~~ *Over one million* American
9 servicemen and servicewomen have paid the ultimate price of
10 giving their lives to protect America’s interests, to advance the
11 ideals of democracy, and to defend the liberty that we hold so dear;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to those Americans whose deaths have
14 been confirmed, thousands of American soldiers remain missing
15 or unaccounted for; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly 2000 Americans are still missing in action
17 (MIA) or unaccounted for from the Vietnam War; and

18 WHEREAS, Countless other Americans remain MIA or
19 unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean War, and the Gulf
20 War; and

1 ~~WHEREAS, As a matter of policy, the United States~~
2 ~~Government does not rule out the possibility that Americans could~~
3 ~~still be held captive; and~~
4 WHEREAS, The relatives and friends of those Americans still
5 unaccounted for will not stop searching for their missing loved
6 ones until an ultimate proof provides a final accounting; and
7 WHEREAS, The sacrifice paid by those Americans killed or
8 MIA established, preserved, and protected fundamental
9 democratic rights for all Americans, including the right to
10 suffrage, free speech, peaceful assembly, and worship; now,
11 therefore, be it
12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That May*
13 *28, 2001, be fully observed as Memorial Day and that the*
14 *Assembly encourages all Californians to participate in programs*
15 *and activities in recognition and thanks to those who perished to*
16 *preserve our freedom; and be it further*
17 *Resolved, That those Americans still missing or unaccounted*
18 *for should be remembered by Californians on Memorial Day; and*
19 *be it further*
20 *Resolved, That the United States Government should continue*
21 *to seek the return of all United States prisoners of war, the fullest*
22 *possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all*
23 *recoverable remains; and be it further*
24 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a*
25 *suitably prepared copy of this resolution to the author for*
26 *distribution.*

