

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 16, 1995

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1995-96 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Baca

December 19, 1994

An act to add Section 6715 to the Government Code, An act to amend Section 1831 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to prisoners of war.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 62, as amended, Baca.
Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Recognition Day.

~~Existing law requires the Governor to annually proclaim certain days as days of recognition.~~

~~This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim the 3rd Friday in September to be known as Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Recognition Day, and would require that the flag of the National League of POW/MIA Families be flown over certain state buildings and agencies on that day.~~

Existing law designates the 3rd Friday of September as Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Recognition Day throughout California.

This bill would require the Governor to annually proclaim the 3rd Friday of September to be known as Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Recognition Day and would require the flag of the National League of POW/MIA

Families to be flown over certain prescribed governmental buildings in California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 6715 is added to the~~
 2 *SECTION 1. Section 1831 of the Military and*
 3 *Veterans Code is amended to read:*
 4 1831. (a) So that the people of California will not
 5 forget the sacrifices of those members of the United States
 6 armed forces who, after the termination of hostilities,
 7 remain prisoners of war or missing in action, ~~September~~
 8 ~~16, 1988, and the third Friday of September of every year~~
 9 ~~thereafter is and shall be known throughout California as~~
 10 ~~POW/MIA Recognition Day~~ *the Governor shall annually*
 11 *proclaim the third Friday of September to be known as*
 12 *Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action* *(POW/MIA)*
 13 *Recognition Day. On that day, the flag of the National*
 14 *League of POW/MIA Families, a black and white banner*
 15 *symbolizing the United States' missing, shall be flown*
 16 *over all of the following places: the State Capitol; the*
 17 *Governor's Mansion; the Department of Veterans Affairs;*
 18 *all California National Guard Armories; and the Military*
 19 *Department. The flag shall also be flown over the*
 20 *headquarters of all of the following agencies in*
 21 *Sacramento: the Health and Welfare Agency; the*
 22 *Resources Agency; the State and Consumer Services*
 23 *Agency; the Trade and Commerce Agency; the Youth*
 24 *and Adult Correctional Agency; the Business,*
 25 *Transportation and Housing Agency; the Office of Child*
 26 *Development and Education; and the California*
 27 *Environmental Protection Agency. This flag shall serve as*
 28 *a powerful reminder to people everywhere of our*
 29 *country's firm resolve to achieve the fullest possible*
 30 *accounting for every member of the United States Armed*
 31 *Forces.*
 32 (b) ~~The~~ *Additionally, the* Governor and the
 33 Legislature are authorized and requested to issue



1 proclamations calling upon the people, schools, and local
2 governments of California to recognize POW/MIA
3 Recognition Day with appropriate ceremonies and
4 activities.

5 Government Code, to read:

6 ~~6715. The Governor shall annually proclaim the third~~
7 ~~Friday of September to be known as~~
8 ~~Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action (POW/MIA)~~
9 ~~Recognition Day. On that day, the flag of the National~~
10 ~~League of POW/MIA Families, a black and white banner~~
11 ~~symbolizing the United States' missing, shall be flown~~
12 ~~over all of the following: the State Capitol; the Governor's~~
13 ~~Mansion; the Department of Veterans Affairs; all~~
14 ~~California National Guard Armories; the Military~~
15 ~~Department; and the headquarters of the following~~
16 ~~agencies in Sacramento: the Health and Welfare Agency;~~
17 ~~the Resources Agency; the State and Consumer Services~~
18 ~~Agency; the Trade and Commerce Agency; the Youth~~
19 ~~and Adult Correctional Agency; the Business,~~
20 ~~Transportation and Housing Agency; the Office of Child~~
21 ~~Development and Education; and the California~~
22 ~~Environmental Protection Agency. This flag shall serve as~~
23 ~~a powerful reminder to people everywhere of our~~
24 ~~country's firm resolve to achieve the fullest possible~~
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