

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 24

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 76—Relative to POW Recognition Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 76, Johannessen. POW Recognition Day.

This measure would designate April 9, 1998, as POW Recognition Day in California.

WHEREAS, Men and women have long answered our nation's call to duty and undertaken their mission as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Our military personnel have gone to battle in countries near and far to defend the ramparts of liberty and resist the agents of tyranny; and

WHEREAS, Hostile forces throughout the world continue to subvert the political and economic freedom for which American soldiers have sacrificed their lives; and

WHEREAS, Many of our soldiers have returned home as heroes and proud veterans but, tragically, many others still remain unaccounted for and missing; and

WHEREAS, There were some 142,257 Americans captured and interned under deplorable conditions during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Persian Gulf War, and the Somalian Conflict, and there are more than 92,457 other Americans who were lost either in combat or as MIA's, and their remains were never recovered; and

WHEREAS, Each year, citizens throughout America join in observances to honor and recognize former American prisoners of war, particularly the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Department of California, and to remember those individuals still unaccounted for, so that we may rededicate ourselves to finding a resolution to their status that will allow their families to have the peace they deserve; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates April 9, 1998, as POW Recognition Day in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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