

Senator Jacobs offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 51.

A resolution recognizing Friday, September 16, 2005, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Michigan.

Whereas, Prisoners of war, soldiers captured by enemy soldiers during times of conflict, are casualties that are too often forgotten. The image of graves lined in neat rows at Arlington National Cemetery and other national cemeteries remind us of the high cost of freedom. Scars of wounds and missing limbs of our veterans quickly remind us of the sacrifices of those who have fought for freedom. It is impossible to forget those who have been wounded or killed in action because the evidence of their sacrifice is ever before us; and

Whereas, The same cannot be said for those who are missing in action or who may have been taken prisoner of war by the enemy. Since World War I, over 200,000 American soldiers have been listed as prisoners of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA). More than 125,000 of these Americans have never been repatriated; and

Whereas, To honor these brave men and women, Congress has set aside the third Friday of September each year as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize Friday, September 16, 2005, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in Michigan. In observance of this day, we will further honor all of America's POW/MIA and highlight the sacrifices made by Michigan's POW/MIA--they are not forgotten; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Rolling Thunder - Michigan Chapter, city of Lathrup Village, Sol Baltimore, and Tom Brainbridge with our highest esteem.