

Rep. Lahti offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 77.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue.

Whereas, The Prisoner of War - Missing in Action (POW/MIA) issue has been a national dilemma since the end of World War II; and

Whereas, There is a strong need for an independent investigation into all unresolved matters relating to any United States military personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War Missions, or Gulf War, including MIAs and POWs; and

Whereas, It is the responsibility and the duty of the United States government to bring home Americans missing in action from the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Korean War, World War II, and Desert Storm; and

Whereas, As of July 2005, the Government Accountability Office listed 88,115 service men and women unaccounted for from World War II, Korean/Cold War conflicts, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and other conflicts; and

Whereas, American POWs and their missing comrades have demonstrated the true spirit of our nation and should never be forgotten; and

Whereas, The families of these inspiring Americans deserve to know what truly happened to their loved ones; and

Whereas, Americans from every generation have answered the call to duty with dedication and valor. These brave Americans deserve the respect and gratitude of our nation, and all efforts should be made to resolve the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue in their honor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representative (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.