

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.327

Reps. Crawford, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, Kuppa, Love, Pohutsky, Sabo, Sneller, Wittenberg, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare November 12, 2020, as POW/MIA  
2 Recognition Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The United States has fought in many wars. Thousands  
4 of Americans who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or  
5 listed as missing in action; and

6       Whereas, It has always been the creed of those who wear a  
7 military uniform never to leave a fallen comrade on the  
8 battlefield. On this day we pay tribute to those who are missing in  
9 action or have been taken prisoner of war and never returned home;  
10 and

11       Whereas, To date, a total of 81,432 Americans are listed as

1 prisoners of war or missing in action since World War II. This  
2 includes 72,000 in World War II, 7,800 in the Korean War, 1,500 in  
3 Vietnam, 126 in the Cold War, and 6 in Desert Storm and Iraqi  
4 Freedom; and

5       Whereas, We as a nation can never collectively rest until we  
6 account for all those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice  
7 to their country; and

8       Whereas, We express our deepest gratitude to these patriots in  
9 both words and actions, knowing they were fighting to protect our  
10 rights and freedoms; and

11       Whereas, Many American prisoners of war were subjected to  
12 brutal and inhuman treatment by their enemy captors in violation of  
13 international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of  
14 war. Many such prisoners of war died from such treatment; and

15       Whereas, Many of these Americans are still missing and  
16 unaccounted for and the uncertainty surrounding their fates has  
17 caused their families to suffer acute hardship. Their work will not  
18 be complete, nor will our commitment be fulfilled, until they come  
19 home; and

20       Whereas, The stark MIA/POW flag will fly proudly near the U.S.  
21 and state of Michigan flags on September 25, serving as a  
22 commanding reminder that the duty of those who are missing in  
23 action or prisoners of war is finished, but ours continues as we  
24 seek to find, repatriate, and honor these courageous men and women;  
25 now, therefore, be it

26       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
27 this legislative body declare November 12, 2020, as POW/MIA  
28 Recognition Day in the state of Michigan.