

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

1
2 TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS
3 ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE
4 OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-sec-
7 ond Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, on May 22, 2013, member of the United States House of Represen-
9 tatives Michele Bachmann introduced House Resolution 231 to the First Ses-
10 sion of the 113th United States Congress, which seeks to establish the Select
11 Committee on POW and MIA Affairs that is charged with conducting a full in-
12 vestigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States person-
13 nel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, World War II,
14 Cold War Missions, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation
15 Enduring Freedom, including MIAs and POWs missing and captured; and

16 WHEREAS, also on May 22, 2013, House Resolution 231 was referred to the
17 United States House of Representatives Committee on Rules, which may con-
18 sider it before possibly sending it on to the United States House of Repre-
19 sentatives as a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, there are 94 cosponsors of House Resolution 231, including 52
21 Republican and 42 Democrat members of the United States House of Representa-
22 tives; and

23 WHEREAS, currently, more than 83,000 American service members are ei-
24 ther unaccounted for or missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold
25 War, the Vietnam War and the 1991 Gulf War; and

26 WHEREAS, Idaho is the home of the nation's only known Operation Enduring
27 Freedom soldier listed as missing/captured, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, still held
28 in Afghanistan; and

29 WHEREAS, "keeping the promise," "fulfill their trust" and "no one left
30 behind" are a few of many mottoes that refer to the efforts of the United
31 States Department of Defense to recover those who became missing while serv-
32 ing our nation.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
34 Session of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
35 and the Senate concurring therein, that we urge the Chairman of the House of
36 Representatives Committee on Rules to consider House Resolution 231, we urge
37 the members of the House of Representatives Committee on Rules to send House
38 Resolution 231 to the United States House of Representatives as a whole,
39 and we urge Congress representing the State of Idaho to support and vote for
40 House Resolution 231.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
42 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
43 Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-

1 representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the
2 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.