

1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to
1.3 investigate the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue.

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

1.6 WHEREAS, there is a strong need for an independent investigation into all unresolved
1.7 matters relating to any United States military personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era,
1.8 the Korean conflict, World War II, Cold War missions, or the Gulf War, including MIAs and
1.9 POWs; and

1.10 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and the duty of the United States government to bring
1.11 home Americans missing in action from the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Korean War, World
1.12 War II, and Desert Storm; and

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

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

1.18 WHEREAS, the families of these inspiring Americans deserve to know what truly
1.19 happened to their loved ones; and

1.20 WHEREAS, Americans from every generation have answered the call to duty with
1.21 dedication and valor. These brave Americans deserve the respect and gratitude of our nation,

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2.1 and all efforts should be made to resolve the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue in their
2.2 honor; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it memorializes the
2.4 Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the Prisoner
2.5 of War - Missing in Action issue.

2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.7 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States
2.8 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators
2.9 and Representatives in Congress.