



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CHAIR OF HONOR RECOGNIZING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION

WHEREAS, since the founding of our nation, millions of courageous men and women have answered the call to defend democracy both at home and abroad, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for freedom, liberty and peace; and

WHEREAS, we support the valiant efforts of our men and women who serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard and hope for their safe return at all times; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 83,204 unaccounted for U.S. personnel, including 73,547 from World War II, 7,883 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, 1,642 from the Vietnam War, and six from Iraq and other recent conflicts, according to the Pentagon's Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Person Office; and

WHEREAS, residents of Cook County owe an incredible debt to those men and women who have fought on behalf of this country to protect the principles of our great nation, including those residents of Cook County who bravely served in our country's Armed Forces and never returned home; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of prisoners of war and those missing in action is a testament to their love of country and their commitment to defending our nation; and

WHEREAS, we urge the U.S. government to never give up pursuing the safe return of all POWs and MIAs; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a POW/MIA chair in the Cook County Board Room will be a reminder that many American prisoners of war were left behind after previous wars and many other military personnel were missing in action. The chair also will enable the County Board Members to pay tribute to those individuals who made such a great sacrifice for their country; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a POW/MIA chair will properly acknowledge the past and protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or go missing in action; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby acknowledge the sacrifices made by those military personnel who were prisoners of war or missing in action and as tribute shall establish a POW/MIA chair in the County Board Room as tribute to these heroes.