

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.327

Rep. Crawford 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
12 prisoners of war or missing in action since World War II. This
13 includes 72,000 in World War II, 7,800 in the Korean War, 1,500 in

1 Vietnam, 126 in the Cold War, and 6 in Desert Storm and Iraqi
2 Freedom; and

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

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

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

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

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

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