

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 35

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HURST.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1           **WHEREAS**, On January 30, 2015, Secretary Chuck Hagel established the Defense  
2 POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) with the goal to remain committed to bringing our  
3 missing and fallen heroes home; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, DPAA has launched investigations worldwide to locate sites associated  
6 with unaccounted servicemen, including, Vietnam where 1,617 Americans remain missing; and  
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8           **WHEREAS**, the United States involvement in the Vietnam War ended with the Paris  
9 Peace Accords on January 27, 1973; and  
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11           **WHEREAS**, there are 35 Missourians who are unaccounted for, 20 of those men are  
12 classified as killed in action, body not recovered, and 15 are classified as presumptive finding  
13 of death; and  
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15           **WHEREAS**, those 15 servicemen include: First Lieutenant Steven Neil Bezold, Chief  
16 Warrant Officer 2 Donald Martin Cramer, First Lieutenant William R. Edmondson, Private First  
17 Class Dickey W. Finley, Private First Class Paul Alfred Hasenbeck, First Lieutenant Frederick  
18 William Hess Jr., Lieutenant Junior Grade Charles Weldon Marik, Major Carl D. Miller, First  
19 Lieutenant Bernard Herbert Plassmeyer, Lieutenant Colonel Dayton William Ragland, First  
20 Lieutenant Dwight G. Rickman, Captain Robert Page Rosenbach, Captain John W. Seuell, First  
21 Lieutenant George Craig Smith, and Sergeant Randolph Bothwell Suber; and  
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23           **WHEREAS**, the families of those 15 servicemen have not had the closure of knowing  
24 what happened to their loved ones, or the option to bring their loved ones home for an honorable  
25 burial; and  
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27           **WHEREAS**, it has been 44 years since the end of the Vietnam War and 15 Missouri  
28 families have yet to be made whole again; and  
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30           **WHEREAS**, the DPAA needs to prioritize finding the 15 Missouri servicemen who are  
31 classified as presumptive finding of death and bring closure to those families:

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33           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
34 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
35 concurring therein, hereby urge the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to prioritize  
36 resolving the cases of the 15 Missourians from the Vietnam War whose status is presumptive  
37 finding of death; and

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39           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
41 Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and each member of the Missouri congressional  
42 delegation.

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