

HCR 60 -- DECLASSIFICATION OF POW/MIA RECORDS

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Veterans by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This resolution calls on members of the Missouri Congressional Delegation to lend their influence to support and contribute to the early consideration and passage of the "Bring Our Heroes Home Act" and to the cause of resolving the cases of all Missourians who remain unaccounted for from past conflicts.

This bill is similar to SCR 26 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that currently classified material being declassified could assist with the efforts of accounting for Missourians who are unaccounted for in previous armed conflicts. Supporters also claim that passage of this resolution would show that Missouri supports the "Bring Our Heroes Home Act" and the provisions of the act that would declassify certain information pertaining to service members that are still missing in action.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Griffith; The American Legion and Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations; and Lawrence Hasenbeck.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.