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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 85-133

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE PRESIDENT IN DETERMINING THE STATUS OF AND RETURN OF THE 2,464 U.S. SERVICEMEN OR THEIR REMAINS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND RECOGNIZING JULY 19, 1985 AS P.O.W./M.I.A. DAY.

WHEREAS, the remains of the thirteen U.S. servicemen killed in Laos in 1972 which were returned to the United States on July 5th were the largest group of M.I.A.'s accounted for and returned home since the end of the Viet Nam War ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, there are still 1,375 U.S. servicemen listed by the State Department and the Department of Defense as missing-in-action (M.I.A.) or as prisoners-of-war (P.O.W.) in Viet Nam and another 1,089 in other parts of southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the State Department is negotiating to seek approval of the assignment of a M.I.A./P.O.W. technical team to Viet Nam on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared the status of the 2,464 Americans missing and unaccounted for in Indochina a matter of highest national priority; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski has introduced Senate Joint Resolution 87 "To Provide For The Designation of July 19 as National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day"; and

WHEREAS, July 19th is being recognized in many communities as P.O.W./M.I.A. recognition day;

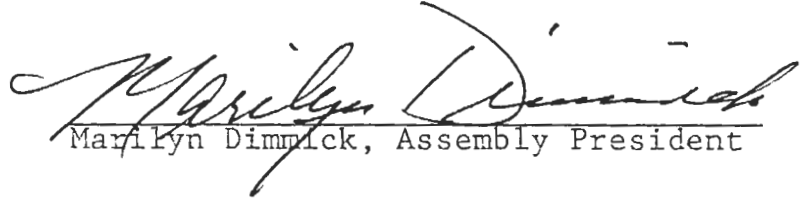
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the acceleration of efforts by the U.S. government to determine the status of the 2,464 Americans missing in Indochina and to obtain immediate release of any still held captive and the immediate return of the remains of those who died in southeast Asia and whose remains have not been returned, and the assembly therefore designates July 19, 1985 be known within the Kenai Peninsula Borough as P.O.W./M.I.A. recognition day.

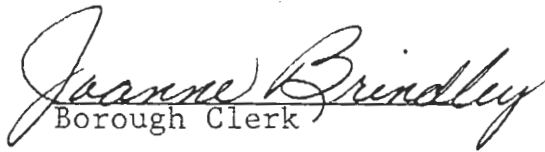
Section 2. That copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the media and to Senators Murkowski and Stevens and to Representative Young.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 16th DAY OF JULY, 1985.


Marilyn Dimmick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Joanne Brindley
Borough Clerk