

## House Resolution 189

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and honoring former American prisoners of war; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, all Americans highly prize and value the sacred right of liberty, that right for  
3 which the founding fathers of our nation pledged their lives, fortunes, and honor to win,  
4 protect, and defend; and
- 5 WHEREAS, all Americans are grateful for the service and sacrifice of those citizens who  
6 serve in the armed forces of this country in continuing this pledge to protect and defend the  
7 liberties which we now enjoy; and
- 8 WHEREAS, through the years, the members of the armed forces of the United States have  
9 been called upon to engage in battle with enemies of this nation in the air, on the land, and  
10 on and under the seas and they have responded to this call with courage, honor, and valor;  
11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, as a result of these battles, many members of the armed forces have been  
13 captured by the enemy and held for long periods of time, resulting in imprisonment under  
14 difficult and often deplorable conditions and separation from home, family, friends, and  
15 loved ones for extended periods of time; and
- 16 WHEREAS, many of those captured still bear witness through physical and emotional scars  
17 of the mistreatment which they received as prisoners of war and many others did not survive  
18 their captivity; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the courage, honor, and valor shown by these individuals is in the highest  
20 tradition of service to our country; and
- 21 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of these  
22 individuals.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
2 this body recognizes and honors those individuals who have undergone the hardships and  
3 pain, both physical and mental, of being a prisoner of war and expresses its sincere and  
4 heartfelt gratitude for the service and the sacrifices made by those individuals.