

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3065
(Government and Veterans Affairs Committee)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the issue of American prisoners of war and those missing in action.

WHEREAS, the issue of prisoners of war and those missing in action has been a national dilemma since the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong need for an independent investigation into all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Gulf War, Vietnam Conflict, Korean Conflict, World War II, and Cold War missions, including personnel missing in action and prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of the United States government to bring home Americans missing in action from the Gulf War, Vietnam Conflict, Korean Conflict, World War II, and Cold War missions; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2005 the Government Accountability Office listed 88,115 service men and women unaccounted for from these conflicts; and

WHEREAS, American prisoners of war and their missing comrades have demonstrated the true spirit of our nation and should never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the families of these inspiring Americans deserve to know what happened to their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Americans from every generation have answered the call to duty with dedication and valor and these brave Americans deserve the respect and gratitude of our nation and all efforts should be made to resolve the prisoner of war and missing in action issue in their honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the issue of American prisoners of war and those missing in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State