

**SB 992 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

**Carrier:** Rep. Whisnant

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**Action Date:** 05/04/17  
**Action:** Do Pass.  
**Vote:** 7-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 7 - Boone, Esquivel, Evans, Lewis, Lively, Meek, Parrish  
**Exc:** 1 - Post  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Designates the third Friday of every September "Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day."

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregonians from the Vietnam war that remain missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Congress has recognized the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag as symbolic of the nation's concern and commitment to resolve, as far as possible, the fates of missing Americans, still prisoner in Southeast Asia. Over time the POW/MIA flag has come to symbolize national concern for missing service members from all present and past U.S. wars. In 2015, Oregon passed legislation to require display of the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag on public buildings along with the national and state flags where possible, year-round.

Senate Bill 992 takes another step, designating the third Friday of each September, "Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day."