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Senate Bill 992

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST, Representative WHISNANT, Senators KNOPP, PROZANSKI; Senators BAERTSCHIGER JR, BEYER, JOHNSON, MANNING JR, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN, WINTERS, Representatives BARRETO, ESQUIVEL, EVANS, HEARD, KENNEMER, LEWIS, LIVELY, MEEK, OLSON, PARRISH, POST, SMITH DB, SOLLMAN, SPRENGER, WILSON, WITT (at the request of Senator Brian Boquist in memory of Sandy Raddue)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to recognition of certain servicemembers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 187.220.

Whereas Oregonians have fought in many wars and many Oregonians who served in those wars were captured by the enemy or listed as missing in action; and

Whereas many Oregonians who were prisoners of war were subjected to brutal and inhumane treatment by their enemy captors in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war, and many such prisoners of war died from such treatment; and

Whereas many of these Oregonians are still listed as missing and unaccounted for, and the uncertainty surrounding their fates has caused their families to suffer tragic and continuing hardships; and

Whereas the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day to be observed in 1979 and the day has been observed nationally every year since; and

Whereas the sacrifices of Oregonians who are still missing in action and unaccounted for from all our nation's wars and their families are deserving of statewide recognition and support for continued priority efforts to determine the fate of those missing Americans; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. The third Friday in September of every year is designated as Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day.

SECTION 2. ORS 187.220 is amended to read:

187.220. (1) A public body shall display the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag with the United States flag and the Oregon State flag upon or near the principal building of the public body on the following days:

- (a) Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May.
- (b) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.
- (c) Flag Day on June 14.
- (d) Independence Day on July 4.
- (e) National POW/MIA Recognition Day **and Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day.**
- (f) Veterans Day on November 11.

(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide a National League of Families' POW/MIA flag to a public body for display under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) As used in this section, "public body" means the state, a county and a city.

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