

Senate Bill 992

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

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Designates third Friday in September of every year to be Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to recognition of certain servicemembers; creating new provisions; and amending ORS
3 187.220.

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

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

9 Whereas many of these Oregonians are still listed as missing and unaccounted for, and the un-
10 certainty surrounding their fates has caused their families to suffer tragic and continuing hardships;
11 and

12 Whereas the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing National POW/MIA Re-
13 cognition Day to be observed in 1979 and the day has been observed nationally every year since;
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15 Whereas the sacrifices of Oregonians who are still missing in action and unaccounted for from
16 all our nation's wars and their families are deserving of statewide recognition and support for con-
17 tinued priority efforts to determine the fate of those missing Americans; now, therefore;

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

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

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 187.220 is amended to read:

22 187.220. (1) A public body shall display the National League of Families' POW/MIA flag with the
23 United States flag and the Oregon State flag upon or near the principal building of the public body
24 on the following days:

25 (a) Armed Forces Day on the third Saturday in May.

26 (b) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May.

27 (c) Flag Day on June 14.

28 (d) Independence Day on July 4.

29 (e) National POW/MIA Recognition Day **and Oregon POW/MIA Recognition Day.**

30 (f) Veterans Day on November 11.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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

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