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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to rest areas; directing the 3 Department of Transportation to erect 4 appropriate markers honoring POW's and MIA's; 5 providing an effective date. 6 7 WHEREAS, history has been shaped by the brave men and women in the United States Armed Forces who answered the call 8 9 to America's highest duty, and WHEREAS, while we honor our veterans for their 10 strength, service, and sacrifice, it is equally important to 11 12 remember those who are missing in action and remain unaccounted for, and 13 WHEREAS, there are still thousands of American military 14 personnel whose whereabouts remain unknown, and 15 WHEREAS, families of these courageous patriots deserve 16 17 to know that this state has not forgotten their outstanding 18 contributions, and 19 WHEREAS, each year, people in this state and across the 20 country join together in remembrance of these missing 21 individuals and to reaffirm our commitment to account for all 22 our POW's and MIA's, NOW, THEREFORE, 23 24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 25 26 Section 1. The Department of Transportation, in 27 cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall 28 display an appropriate marker or plaque at each rest area along interstate highways in this state recognizing the 29 30 sacrifices of those servicemen and servicewomen still 31

unaccounted for, and acknowledging the sacrifices of their families. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Provides for the erection of markers at interstate rest areas in this state honoring POW's and MIA's.