

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to rest areas; directing the
3 Department of Transportation to fly the POW/MIA
4 flag and erect appropriate markers honoring
5 POW's and MIA's; providing an effective date.
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7 WHEREAS, history has been shaped by the brave men and
8 women in the United States Armed Forces who answered the call
9 to America's highest duty, and

10 WHEREAS, while we honor our veterans for their
11 strength, service, and sacrifice, it is equally important to
12 remember those who are missing in action and remain
13 unaccounted for, and

14 WHEREAS, there are still thousands of American military
15 personnel whose whereabouts remain unknown, and

16 WHEREAS, families of these courageous patriots deserve
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,

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26 Section 1. The Department of Transportation shall fly
27 the POW/MIA flag year round at each rest area along interstate
28 highways in this state.

29 Section 2. The Department of Transportation, in
30 cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall
31 display an appropriate marker or plaque at each rest area

1 along interstate highways in this state recognizing the
2 sacrifices of those servicemen and servicewomen still
3 unaccounted for, and acknowledging the sacrifices of their
4 families.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
6 law.

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