

By Senator Wise

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See HB 429

1 Senate Memorial No. ____

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United
3 States, urging Congress to take all actions
4 necessary to resolve the fate of Captain M.
5 Scott Speicher.

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7 WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States fought
8 admirably, bravely, and successfully during Operation Desert
9 Storm, and

10 WHEREAS, M. Scott Speicher, then a lieutenant commander
11 and now a captain in the United States Navy, flew a Navy FA-18
12 in a bombing mission over Iraq on January 17, 1991, and

13 WHEREAS, then-Lieutenant Commander Speicher failed to
14 return to his carrier following that mission and was
15 erroneously declared killed in action, and

16 WHEREAS, since that time, intelligence has determined
17 that Captain Speicher ejected from his aircraft, and

18 WHEREAS, in January 2001, in an unprecedented action,
19 Captain Speicher's designation was changed from "Killed in
20 Action" to "Missing in Action," and

21 WHEREAS, the former executive chairman of the United
22 Nations Special Commission, a renowned expert on Iraq,
23 testified before the United States Senate in July 2002 that
24 "we should not give up" on Captain Speicher, and

25 WHEREAS, in October 2002, based upon intelligence
26 confirming that he had been taken captive by the Iraqi
27 government, Captain Speicher's designation was changed from
28 "MIA" to "MIA-Captured," and further intelligence reports make
29 it clear that Iraq is in a position to resolve questions
30 regarding Captain Speicher's fate, and

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1 WHEREAS, this nation has pledged to the members of our
2 armed services that they will not be abandoned, and the State
3 of Florida renews that pledge to Captain Speicher, NOW,
4 THEREFORE,
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6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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8 That the Congress of the United States is requested
9 to
10 take all actions necessary to resolve the fate of Captain M.
11 Scott Speicher, United States Navy, MIA-Captured.
12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial
13 be
14 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
15 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
16 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
17 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.
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