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## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING POWS/MIAS**

WHEREAS, Chicagoans owe an incredible debt to those men and women who have fought on behalf of this country to protect the principles of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, military personnel have made great sacrifices in serving their country, and that is especially true for those held as Prisoners of War (POW) or are Missing in Action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, there are still thousands of Chicagoans who are POWs and MIAs; and WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance that these brave individuals are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a POW/MIA chair in the City Council Chambers will be a reminder that many American Prisoners of War were left behind after previous wars and many other military personnel were Missing in Action. The chair also will enable the City of Chicago to pay tribute to those individuals who made such a great sacrifice for their country and have helped make America strong; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a POW/MIA chair will properly acknowledge the past and protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become Prisoners of War or Missing In Action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of July, 2016, do hereby acknowledge the establishment of a POW/MIA chair in City Council Chambers as tribute to those military personnel who were prisoners of war or missing in action.

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