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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2
2 INTRODUCED BY RAPP-SVCEK

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING FULL
6 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE
7 GOVERNMENTS OF VIETNAM AND LAOS IN RESOLVING THE STATUS OF
8 AMERICANS STILL MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST
9 ASIA.

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11 WHEREAS, there are over 2,400 Americans still missing
12 or otherwise unaccounted for in Indochina, and their
13 families still suffer untold grief due to uncertainty about
14 their fate; and

15 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has
16 declared resolution of the POW/MIA issue a matter of highest
17 national priority and has initiated high level dialogues
18 with the governments of Vietnam and Laos on this issue; and

19 WHEREAS, the Legislature fully understands and agrees
20 that the fullest possible accounting can be achieved only
21 through government-to-government cooperation; and

22 WHEREAS, the government of Vietnam has agreed in
23 principle to the United States proposal for joint excavation
24 of United States aircraft crash sites in line with their
25 pledge to accelerate cooperation with the United States to

1 resolve the issue within a 2-year timeframe; and
2 WHEREAS, the government of Laos has agreed to continue
3 and increase cooperation with the United States.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
6 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 (1) That the Legislature support the President's
8 pledge of highest national priority to resolve the status of
9 Americans still missing and unaccounted for in Indochina;

10 (2) That the Legislature urge the United States
11 government to accelerate efforts in every possible way to
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13 be held captive in Indochina and the return of American
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15 remains have not been repatriated; and

16 (3) That the Legislature strongly urge the governments
17 of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Lao People's
18 Democratic Republic to fully cooperate with the United
19 States government in the humanitarian effort to resolve the
20 fates of over 2,400 American servicemen and civilians still
21 missing in Southeast Asia.

22 (4) That the Secretary of State send copies of this
23 resolution to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL
 HJR 2

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

INTRODUCED BY RAPP-SVRCEK, MCCALLUM, NISBET, HALLIGAN,
MAZUREK, KADAS, PHILLIPS, HARPER, MILLER, COHEN

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AMERICANS STILL MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA; AND DIRECTING THAT THE PRISONER OF WAR FLAG BE FLOWN
AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON SEPTEMBER 19 EACH YEAR.

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(4) THAT THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE DIRECT THAT THE POW
FLAG BE FLOWN AT THE MONTANA STATE CAPITOL ON SEPTEMBER 19

HJR 0002/02

1 EACH YEAR (NATIONAL MIA-POW RECOGNITION DAY) TO DEMONSTRATE
2 THE COMMITMENT THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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JANUARY 29 19 87

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

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JOINT POW-MIA RESOLUTION

Rapp-Svrcek (McCallum)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 16.
Following: "servicemen"
Insert: "and servicewomen"
2. Page 2, line 22.
Following: "servicemen"
Insert: "and servicewomen"
3. Page 3, line 3.
Following: "MEN"
Strike: "WHO FOUGHT FOR"
Insert: "and women who served"

REPORT ADOPTED

AND AS AMENDED
BE CONCURRED IN

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1/29/87
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2:07 pm

Jack Haffey
SENATOR JACK HAFFEY

Chairman.