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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Earlier this month, Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO), joined by Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), introduced the POW/MIA Memorial Flag Act of 2001. The legislation requires the flying of the POW/MIA flag in our Nation's Capital at the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on any day the United States flag is flown.

"The flying of the POW/MIA flag will be a forceful reminder that we care not only for the POWs and MIAs, but also for their families who personally carry with them the burden of sacrifice. We want them to know that we stand with them and beside them, as we remember the loyalty and devotion of their loved ones who served bravely and gave so much of their lives," said Campbell, a Korean War veteran. "The remembrance of another's sacrifice in battle is one of the highest and most noble acts we can do."

"We must never forget those who put their lives on the line in order to preserve the freedoms Americans enjoy today," Allard said. "The POW/MIA Flag is a reminder that we stand by those who have not yet returned home."

The 101st Congress officially recognized the POW/MIA flag in 1990. This flag is often flown on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, which has been set this year for September 21st. The Colorado senators encourage all Americans to display the POW/MIA flag on that special day.

In 20th century wars alone, more than 147,000 Americans were captured and became prisoners of war; of that number more than 15,000 died while in captivity. Nearly 2,000 are still missing.

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