HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4606, by Representatives Kastama, McDonald, Conway, Regala, Fortunato, Pflug, Barlean, Thomas, Poulsen, Hatfield, Campbell and D. Schmidt

WHEREAS, Over 180,000 Americans are missing in action or have been declared prisoners of war in this century; and

WHEREAS, 1,868 Americans who served in the Vietnam War are still unaccounted for in Asia; and

WHEREAS, 51 Americans from Washington state are still listed as missing in action or as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, The valiant efforts of Americans in foreign conflict should be acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington should maintain the awareness of its citizens to the plight of patriots that remain captive abroad; and

WHEREAS, The safe return of Americans who are still missing in action or prisoners of war is imperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the state of Washington recognize and honor the brave actions of American prisoners of war and Americans missing in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the state of Washington, That every city and town is encouraged to display the prisoner-of-war and missing-in-action flag on one or more of the existing flag poles in the city or town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives to the Governor.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4606 adopted by the House of Representatives February 12, 1999.

Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerk	Dean R. Foster Co-Chief Clerk