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S. RES. 68

Designating April 9, 1997, and April 9, 1998, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 1997

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating April 9, 1997, and April 9, 1998, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”.

Whereas the United States has fought in many wars;

Whereas thousands of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in such wars were captured by the enemy and held as prisoners of war;

Whereas many prisoners of war were subjected to brutal and inhumane treatment by their captors in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war and died, or were disabled, as a result of the treatment; and

Whereas the great sacrifices of the prisoners of war and their families deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 9, 1997, and April 9, 1998,
3 as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition
4 Day” in honor of the members of the Armed Forces
5 of the United States who have been held as pris-
6 oners of war; and

7 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
8 mation calling on the people of the United States to
9 commemorate this day with appropriate ceremonies
10 and activities.

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