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To designate April 9, 2004, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. MILLER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BUNNING) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas members of the Armed Forces of the United States have been recently captured by the armed forces of Iraq and have been held as prisoners of war;

Whereas the prisoners of war held by Iraq have endured incredible hardships and the events surrounding the holding of such prisoners remind us of the thousands of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in past armed conflicts and were held as prisoners of war;

Whereas many prisoners of war have been subjected to brutal and inhumane treatment by their captors in violation of

international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war;

Whereas many former prisoners of war died, or were disabled, as a result of such treatment;

Whereas, in 1985, the United States Congress directed the Department of Defense to issue a medal to former prisoners of war recognizing and commemorating their great sacrifices in service to our Nation;

Whereas the great sacrifices of prisoners of war and their families deserve national recognition; and

Whereas President Bush has proclaimed April 9, 2003, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, in recognition of the President proclaiming April 9,
4 2003, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition
5 Day”, April 9, 2004, is designated as “National Former
6 Prisoner of War Recognition Day” in honor of the mem-
7 bers of the Armed Forces of the United States who have
8 been held as prisoners of war.

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