

**Suspend the Rules And Agree to the Resolution, H. Res. 129 with
Amendments**

**(The amendments consist of a new preamble, a substitute text, and
an amendment to the title)**

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 129

Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the Federal Govern-
ment, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover,
and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United
States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was re-
ferred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Com-
mittee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by
the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall with-
in the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of
the Federal Government, and foreign governments to
intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all
missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United
States.

Whereas according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting
Agency of the Department of Defense, more than 82,000
United States personnel are still unaccounted-for from
past wars and conflicts around the world;

Whereas, though recognizing that an estimated 48,000 of these personnel were presumed lost at sea and are unlikely to be recovered, tens of thousands of families and friends have waited decades for the accounting of their loved ones and comrades in arms;

Whereas the families of these brave Americans deserve our Nation's best efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting for their missing loved ones;

Whereas the National League of POW/MIA Families, and their iconic POW/MIA flag, pioneered the Vietnam War accounting effort since 1970 and has been joined in this humanitarian quest for answers by Korean War, Cold War, and World War II families, fully supported by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Special Forces Association, Special Operations Association, Rolling Thunder, and other more recently formed groups, and tens of thousands of families and veterans are yearning and advocating for answers concerning the fates of their loved ones and comrades in arms;

Whereas the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency of the Department of Defense is to provide the fullest possible accounting for missing members of the Armed Forces of the United States, designated civilians of the Department, and other designated personnel; and

Whereas the recovery and investigation teams of the Department of Defense deploy to countries around the world to account as fully as possible for these unaccounted-for United States personnel: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) calls upon the Defense POW/MIA Account-
2 ing Agency and other elements of the Department of
3 Defense, other appropriate elements of the Federal
4 Government, and all foreign governments to reso-
5 lutely continue efforts to investigate, recover, iden-
6 tify, and account as fully as possible for all United
7 States personnel designated as unaccounted-for from
8 past wars and conflicts around the world; and

9 (2) calls upon all foreign governments with in-
10 formation on United States personnel designated as
11 unaccounted-for from past wars and conflicts, or
12 with such personnel within their territories, to co-
13 operate fully with the Government of the United
14 States to provide the fullest possible accounting for
15 those American lives.

Amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the De-
partment of Defense, other appropriate elements of the
Federal Government, and foreign governments to reso-
lutely continue efforts to investigate, recover, and identify
all United States personnel designated as unaccounted-
for from past wars and conflicts around the world.”.