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To provide for the issuance of a forever stamp to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who are still prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mr. YOUNG of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Perpetual POW/MIA Stamp Act''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the Department of Defense reports that more than 83,000 servicemembers remain missing since World War II;

(2) the United States Government has an obligation to achieve the fullest possible accounting for the Americans who have gone missing while serving the country and to leave no one unaccounted for in future conflicts;

(3) in 1982, the POW/MIA flag became the first flag other than the Flag of the United States to fly over the White House in Washington, DC;

(4) on August 10, 1990, Public Law 101–355 designated the POW/MIA flag as ''The Symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing, and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.''; and

(5) the POW/MIA flag should maintain continued visibility as a constant reminder of the plight of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action.

SEC. 3. PERPETUAL POW/MIA STAMP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to continue to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces who have been prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, the Postmaster General shall provide for the issuance

of a forever stamp suitable for that purpose and depicts the National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term ''forever stamp'' means a definitive stamp which meets the postage required for first-class mail up to one ounce in weight, and which retains full validity for that purpose even if the rate of that postage is later increased.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The stamp described in subsection (a) shall be issued beginning as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall not thereafter be discontinued.

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