

(2) expresses its gratitude to the individuals from every State and territory of the United States of America who served their country by volunteering to work with the American National Red Cross overseas.

SEC. 2. It is the sense of the Congress that State and local governments should issue proclamations calling upon the people of their respective jurisdictions to honor the volunteers of the American National Red Cross with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Agreed to December 2, 1982.

GRADUATE SCHOOL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 2, 1982
[H. Con. Res. 412]

Whereas, the Graduate School, United States Department of Agriculture, is an innovative and important provider of practical, relevant continuing education and training for government personnel and agencies, and the public; and

Whereas, the Graduate School is operated on a self-sustaining non-profit basis and receives no appropriated funds from the Federal Government; and

Whereas, the public interest has been well served by the Graduate School, United States Department of Agriculture, since its founding in 1921: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress recognizes the school year 1981-1982 as the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Graduate School, United States Department of Agriculture, and hereby extends to that institution its appreciation for the flexible, effective, and efficient educational services rendered to all branches of government and to the public over the past sixty years.

Agreed to December 2, 1982.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY IN U.S.

Dec. 13, 1982
[S. Con. Res. 130]

Whereas the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Congress have long recognized the importance of scientific and technological developments in the United States in meeting its defense, industrial, and other needs;

Whereas such scientific and technological developments in the communications and electronics industry are of particular importance to the United States in meeting its defense, industrial, and other needs;

Whereas the traditional technological superiority enjoyed by the United States in the area of communications and electronics is dwindling due to the disparity in the commitment;

Whereas it is in the best interest of the United States to reverse the trend of declining United States technological superiority and to continue to lead in all areas of communications and electronics;

Whereas it is in the best interest of the United States to support the establishment of a national center dedicated to the advancement of science and technology in communications and electronics; and Whereas such a national center would promote the interest of the public at large in such advancements in communications and electronics; tie the corporate and governmental worlds together to reach a common goal: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress shall take an active and leading role in making the public, and the corporate and governmental worlds aware of the importance of assuring and maintaining the scientific and technological superiority of the United States in the area of electronics and communications, and to encourage the establishment within the United States of a national center dedicated to communications and electronics.

Agreed to December 13, 1982.

AMERICANS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Dec. 17, 1982

[S. Con. Res. 131]

Whereas locating Americans missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia and their return to the United States is, and should be, of primary concern to the Government of the United States and all humane nations and peoples;

Whereas there are currently two thousand four hundred and ninety-three Americans missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, five hundred and fifty-eight of whom are presumed to be located in Laos;

Whereas the Government of Laos has recently indicated, by its reception of a visiting delegation of Americans from the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, that the Government of Laos would assist in the humanitarian effort to locate and return Americans missing and unaccounted for in Laos; and

Whereas the United States Government is encouraged by this recent indication of cooperation on the part of the Government of Laos: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) reaffirms its commitment to locating Americans missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia and returning them to the United States;

(2) expresses its appreciation to the Government of Laos for its expressed willingness to cooperate in locating and returning those Americans;

(3) supports the President's actions to locate and return Americans missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

(4) urges both governments to move, with all dispatch, to cooperate in this humanitarian effort.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President.

Agreed to December 17, 1982.