

**SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
New Orleans, Louisiana
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WHEREAS, There are currently over 2,450 Americans still missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Indochina; and

WHEREAS, The families of those U.S. servicemen and civilians missing in Indochina still suffer untold grief and uncertainty due to lack of an adequate accounting, and

WHEREAS, The President has declared the issue of Americans missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Indochina a matter of highest national priority, raised intelligence priorities, and initiated high-level dialogue with the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on this issue; and

WHEREAS, These efforts have resulted in the repatriation of the remains of 30 missing servicemen during the past four years; and

WHEREAS, The government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic has agreed to continue and increase cooperation with the United States, based on the successful joint recovery effort conducted in early 1985, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has indicated willingness to consider the U.S. proposal for joint evacuation of U.S. aircraft crash sites with the pledge to accelerate co-operation with the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 26, 27, 28, 1985, That we support the President's pledge of highest national priority to resolve the status of Americans still missing and unaccounted for in Indochina; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we support the U.S. government policy that the fullest possible accounting can only be achieved through government-to-government cooperation; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge the U.S. Government to ensure this issue remains one of the highest national priority and to accelerate efforts in every honorable way to obtain the immediate release of any Americans who may still be held captive in Indochina, and the fullest possible accounting of those still missing and repatriation of the remains of those who died service our nation.