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Expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should not proceed toward the normalization of diplomatic and economic relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam until the Vietnamese Government has furnished a complete accounting of missing American servicemen in Southeast Asia and opened its archives to inspection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 1993

Mr. SANTORUM submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should not proceed toward the normalization of diplomatic and economic relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam until the Vietnamese Government has furnished a complete accounting of missing American servicemen in Southeast Asia and opened its archives to inspection.

Whereas it is established United States policy that progress in normalizing diplomatic and economic relations with Vietnam is explicitly tied to their cooperation on resolving the American prisoners of war and missing in action (POW/MIA) issue;

Whereas it is established United States policy that the swift resolution of the POW/MIA issue is a national priority, and the American people overwhelmingly support this policy;

Whereas the existing United States economic embargo against Vietnam has been successful in bringing the families of American prisoners of war and missing in action more answers than at any time in the past, and that this cooperation could be lost if the economic embargo is lifted prior to the fullest possible accounting of American POWs and MIAs by Vietnam;

Whereas the Tighe Task Force concluded in 1986 that there is a strong probability of live American prisoners of war in Southeast Asia;

Whereas it has been reported that Vietnam has stored the remains of hundreds of American servicemen;

Whereas recent reports suggest that conclusive information on the fate of American POWs and MIAs may exist in the archives of the Government of Vietnam;

Whereas efforts to settle Vietnam's International Monetary Fund debt will weaken the effectiveness of the existing economic embargo; and

Whereas lifting the economic embargo against Vietnam before the fullest possible accounting of American POWs and MIAs has been achieved may result in the destruction of further evidence in Vietnam which may resolve the question of remaining American POWs and MIAs: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that the*

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2 the normalization of diplomatic and economic relations
3 with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam until the Vietnam-
4 ese Government has provided the fullest possible account-
5 ing of missing American servicemen in Southeast Asia.

