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DOLE VISION FOR PERMANENT POW/MIA FLAG DISPLAY BECOMES REALITY; U.S. CAPITOL ROTUNDA WILL HOUSE REMINDER TO ALL AMERICANS

Washington, D.C. -- During a special ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, Kansas Republican Leader Bob Dole unveiled a POW/MIA flag, which will help remind Americans "that we can never forget the brave soldiers who have sacrificed so much" for their country.

"We have won the fight to fly that flag in this historic building honoring our POW's and MIA's and their families. The flag will serve as a lasting reminder to Congress and the millions of visitors to our nation's Capitol of all the missing and unaccounted for service men and women in Vietnam, Korea, and World War II," said Dole.

Dole, a wounded combat World War II veteran, was the principal sponsor of legislation passed last year to display the National League of Families POW/MIA flag in the Capitol Rotunda.

"It is fitting that this stark black and white flag will be displayed adjacent to the statue of one of our greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, who wished all men to be free," said Dole. "For as long as the families of our brave men still missing are enslaved by the doubts about the whereabouts of their loved ones, we -- as a nation -- must continue to press for answers," Dole pledged.

"While I am encouraged by the recent progress and cooperation from Vietnam and Laos, much more still needs to be done to locate our missing men and women."

Since September 1988, four sets of joint United States/Soviet Republic of Vietnam activities have taken place. These joint activities included investigations and surveys.

"I am pleased that President Bush is committed to aggressively pursuing this cause. If we -- Republicans and Democrats and the American people -- stand united and committed, I am confident that America will continue to make progress in accounting for her missing men and women," Dole concluded.

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