

Date of Hearing: April 28, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Lori D. Wilson, Chair

ACR 16 (Gallagher) – As Amended February 19, 2025

SUBJECT: The POW/MIA Bridge

SUMMARY: Designates the Feather River Bridge and Overhead of State Highway Route 20 in the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City as the POW/MIA Bridge. The measure requests the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

EXISTING LAW: Assigns Caltrans the responsibility of operating and maintaining state highways. This includes the installation and maintenance of highway signs.

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, but the measure requests that Caltrans determine the cost of appropriate signage consistent with requirements for the state highway system, and only erect the appropriate signage upon receiving donations from non-state sources covering the cost.

COMMENTS: The 10th Street Bridge on Route 20 connects the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City, and the Counties of Yuba and Sutter.

The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia adopted the POW/MIA flag in January 1972. In 1972, the National POW/MIA Flag Act (Section 902 of Title 36 of the United States Code) was enacted and it requires the POW/MIA flag to be displayed on certain federal properties, including the White House and the United States Capitol Building, on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that in 2024 there were 6,013 local veterans from the County of Sutter and 7,290 local veterans from the County of Yuba. According to the United States Department of Defense, nearly 81,000 American service members remain missing, having served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and other conflicts involving the United States.

The POW/MIA flag is a symbol of our nation's concern for the American service members who remain missing. The wording on the POW/MIA flag says, "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN" The Marysville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 948 wishes to pay tribute to the POW/MIA flag, with Past Commander Brock Bowen taking the lead on this endeavor.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

Sons in Retirement Branch #45
Sutter County Board of Supervisors
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

Opposition

None on file

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