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POW/MIA FLAG CEREMONY

**We're gathered here today at the new Tripoli post
Office to officially dedicate the POW/MIA flag that will fly
over this United States Government building.**

I'm proud to be with you on this very special occasion.

Thanks for inviting me.

**I commend all the citizens, veterans and public officials
who are here today to show their support and respect for the
men and women of our armed forces.**

**America and her citizens – all of us included – should
never allow a day to go by without remembering the price
paid by so many for the freedoms we enjoy.**

We must not forget that men and women have fought – and died – to win those freedoms.

And that many still languish, in places unknown, as a result of war.

And that is what we will think about when we look at this POW/MIA flag proudly flying over our local post office “Those who did not come home.”

Flying a POW/MIA flag is without a doubt an appropriate way of keeping before the people of this community, this Commonwealth and this country a reminder of our brave sons and daughters who are still prisoners of war or listed as missing in action.

It is our way of paying tribute to them.

**It is our way of saying to all their loved ones – family
and friends – “We will not forget.”**

**Again, my thanks to this group of concerned veterans
from my district for including me in today’s ceremony.**

It’s good to be here with all of you.