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*Bring Back the POW/MIA Remembrance Stamp as a Forever Stamp*

Madison – Today State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) released a letter he sent to the United State Postmaster General, Patrick R. Donahoe, requesting that the USPS issue the POW/MIA flag as a Forever stamp.

*It has come to my attention that the United States Post Office is to consider issuing a Forever Stamp featuring the black POW/MIA flag. I am informed that the POWMIAs were remembered on a stamp in 1995 but it is no longer in circulation.*

*As the ranking Democratic member of the Wisconsin State Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, I wish to add my strong support for the issuing of such a stamp. I believe that such a Forever stamp would be an appropriate means to keep this issue alive in people's minds so that they remember the POWMIAs and the burden their unknown fate has placed upon their families and loved ones.*

*The POW/MIA flag has flown proudly over the Wisconsin State Capitol for decades. It is a daily reminder of the sacrifices made by POWMIAs and the suffering by their families. Given the amount of school children and other visitors to the Capitol, flying the flag also provides an educational opportunity for discussion of this issue to a young generation.*

*As you know, this is the 70 Anniversary of D-Day, and we once again to reflect on the sacrifices made by our armed forces in that great battle. Given the great variety of issues, causes, and people represented on the Forever stamps issued by the USPS, I believe that it would be appropriate for the USPS to issue a POW/MIA Remembrance Forever stamp for use, and given the significance of today's date in our nation's history, I hope you will give it careful consideration.*

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