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At the appropriate place in title LX of division E, insert the following:

1 SEC. ___. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON AGREEMENTS RELATING TO SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES MISSING IN ACTION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Department of Defense Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Accounting Agency must currently approach MIA recovery operations on a country by country basis via diplomatic, civil, and military negotiations.

(2) Countries using mutually beneficial trade agreements with the United States should provide a transparent and efficient process to aid in the recovery of United States POW/MIA operations.

(3) The Department of Defense estimates approximately 1,587 United States citizens who served during the Vietnam War are still unaccounted for in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, despite quarterly Joint Field Activity excavation and recovery efforts.
(4) Some 72,500 members of the United States Armed Forces remain unaccounted for throughout Europe, China, and Japan after sacrificing their lives during World War II.

(5) Nearly 7,800 members of the United States Armed Forces are still missing on the Korean Peninsula after bravely serving during the Korean War.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that all trade agreements the United States enters into should provide reasonable access and collaboration of each country involved in such an agreement, for the purpose of search and recovery activities relating to members of the United States Armed Forces missing in action from prior wars or military conflicts.