

1 WHEREAS, over the course of Operation Overlord, the Allies managed to land more
2 than two million men in Northern France and suffered nearly 230,000 casualties; and

3 WHEREAS, military and civilians on the home front and abroad made significant
4 contributions and sacrifices toward the success of Operation Overlord, including more than
5 19,000 French civilian casualties during the Normandy campaign; and

6 WHEREAS, the Allied assault and following operations were supported by ships,
7 aircraft, and troops from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Free Norway, Greece, the
8 Netherlands, New Zealand, and the Polish Armed Forces in the West; and

9 WHEREAS, the arrival of United States forces in Europe and the ultimate success
10 of the Normandy campaign, albeit at tremendous cost, ultimately turned the tide for the
11 Allies and led to victory over Adolf Hitler, the Nazi regime, and of one of the most evil
12 ideologies the world has ever seen; and

13 WHEREAS, the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Normandy, France,
14 is the final resting place for more than 9,000 Americans who gave their lives to the cause of
15 liberating Europe from Nazi tyranny; and

16 WHEREAS, the world owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the "Greatest
17 Generation", who assumed the task of freeing the world from Nazi and Fascist regimes and
18 restoring liberty in Europe; and

19 WHEREAS, perhaps the most remarkable legacy of the heroes of D-Day is best
20 expressed by Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight Eisenhower who said "it's a
21 wonderful thing to remember what those fellows were fighting for and sacrificing for, what
22 they did to preserve our way of life ... Not to conquer any territory, not for any ambitions of
23 our own. But to make sure that Hitler could not destroy freedom in the world".

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 recognize and commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of
26 France, does hereby express profound appreciation and immense gratitude on behalf of the
27 citizens of Louisiana for the acts of heroism, valor, and sacrifices made by the members of
28 the United States Armed Forces and allied armed forces who participated in the June 6,
29 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, does hereby commend those individuals for their
30 leadership and bravery that helped bring an end to World War, and does hereby express a

