

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize and commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of France, to express profound appreciation and immense gratitude for the acts of heroism, valor, and sacrifices made by the members of the United States Armed Forces and allied armed forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, and to commend those individuals for their leadership and bravery that helped bring an end to World War II.

WHEREAS, June 6, 2019, marks the 75th anniversary of the day the United States launched the assault at Normandy, France, alongside troops of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Free France, known as "Operation Overlord"; and

WHEREAS, the D-Day landing was the largest single amphibious assault in history; and

WHEREAS, soldiers of six divisions, including three from the United States, two from the United Kingdom with troops from Free France, and one from Canada, stormed ashore in five main landing areas on beaches in Normandy, code-named "Utah", "Omaha", "Gold", "Juno", and "Sword"; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10,000 Allied casualties were incurred on the first day of the landing, with more than 6,000 being members of the United States Armed Forces; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of France, does hereby express profound appreciation and immense gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana for the acts of heroism, valor, and sacrifices made by the members of the United States Armed Forces and allied armed forces who participated in the June 6,

1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, does hereby commend those individuals for their leadership and bravery that helped bring an end to World War, and does hereby express a sincere hope and prayer that the efforts of these heros will be remembered always.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES