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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Commemorates the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.
3	WHEREAS, May 8, 2025, marks eighty years since the Nazi regime of Germany
4	surrendered to the allied powers after nearly a decade of bloody conflict in World War II;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, approximately twenty-five million allied combatants and
7	non-combatants lost their lives in this war; and
8	WHEREAS, four hundred eighteen thousand American soldiers, marines, sailors,
9	airmen, coast guardsmen, and merchant marines gave their lives to defeat the Axis powers
10	of Germany, Italy, and Japan; and
11	WHEREAS, approximately four thousand Louisiana sons and daughters paid the
12	ultimate price in this war, offering up their service and ultimately their lives; they were men
13	and women from every parish of our beloved state and these young heroes left a gaping hole
14	in the hearts and souls of all Louisiana citizens; and
15	WHEREAS, the service of all Louisianans is to be lauded, of special note and
16	significance are the nine Medal of Honor winners who hailed from the bayou state; the
17	heroism, gallantry, and intrepidity of Louisiana's warriors were critical to the success of the
18	overall effort to rid the world of the scourge of Nazism and imperialism; and
19	WHEREAS, during the direct battles with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy, the
20	Louisianans were linchpins, as warriors carrying rifles, firing naval guns or flying aircraft;
21	critical leaders such as New Orleans native "Lightning" Joe Collins, future LSU President

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1 Troy Middleton, future Adjutant General Major General Erbon Wise, and Air Corps Colonel

2 John Riley Kane of Shreveport proudly contributed to Louisiana's part in the victory over

- 3 the evils of tyranny in Europe; and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana was home to the Louisiana maneuvers of 1941, where
- 5 Louisiana hosted future President Dwight Eisenhower, five-star general of the Army Omar
- 6 Bradley, and General George Patton and four hundred seventy-two thousand servicemen
- 7 preparing to confront the tyranny of Nazism on the European plains.
- 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 9 commemorate the 80th anniversary of the day known as VE Day, for victory in Europe Day,
- with grateful hearts and solemn pride for the end of the conflict, and we remember the lives
- of our men and women who paid the ultimate price so that we could remain a free nation and
- 12 the greatest state in the union.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- recognize Thursday, May 8, 2025, as the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

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