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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR ALARIO

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Commemorates the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6th.

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

of the landing, with more than 6,000 being members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10,000 Allied casualties were incurred on the first day

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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 heros 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

leadership and bravery that helped bring an end to World War, and does hereby express a

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sincere hope and prayer that the efforts of these heros will be remembered always.

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