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## PEARL HARBOR DAY

House Bill 5687

Sponsor: Rep. Raymond Basham

Committee: Veterans Affairs

Complete to 8-18-00

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5687 AS INTRODUCED 4-27-00

The bill would designate December 7 of each year as Pearl Harbor Day in commemoration of the “historic and tragic attack” by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

More specifically, the bill would say that the legislature recognized both “the enormous sacrifice made by the 2,335 servicemen and servicewomen who gave their lives in the defense of this nation during the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941” (and the 1,143 servicemen and servicewomen were injured during the attack), and that “the attack on Pearl Harbor changed the course of history by bringing the United States into the war with Japan and Germany.” In commemoration of “this historic and tragic attack,” the legislature would declare that December 7 of each year would be known as “Pearl Harbor Day,” and would encourage individuals, governmental and educational institutions, and community organizations “to pause on Pearl Harbor day and reflect upon the courage and sacrifice of those who died or were injured in that attack.”

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