

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.118

Rep. Markkanen, Allor, Bollin, Calley, Cherry, Chirkun, Clemente, Crawford, Elder, Garrett, Garza, Gay-Dagnogo, Green, Haadsma, Hood, Hope, Cynthia Johnson, Jones, Kahle, Kuppa, Leutheuser, Liberati, Manoogian, Miller, Pagan, Pohutsky, Rendon, Sabo, Slagh, Sowerby, Stone, Tate, Warren, Webber, Wittenberg, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and
2 all of the Allied forces who fought along the beaches of Normandy
3 so that Europe might be free from the bonds of tyranny and
4 oppression.

5 Whereas, Seventy-five years ago on June 6, 1944, approximately
6 150,000 Allied troops landed along a heavily-fortified stretch of
7 French coastline, seeking to breach Fortress Europe and strike a
8 crucial blow against the fascism of Nazi Germany; and



1 Whereas, More than 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported
2 the invasion, making D-Day the largest air, land, and sea operation
3 ever undertaken; and

4 Whereas, These soldiers, many of whom were not yet even 20
5 years old, faced a daunting and perilous task, as they fought
6 through the ocean surf, braving artillery shells and machine gun
7 fire with little to no natural cover to protect against enemy guns;
8 and

9 Whereas, Allied forces suffered more than 10,000 casualties
10 that day with more than 4,000 Allied soldiers making the ultimate
11 sacrifice, laying down their lives on the beachheads of France in
12 the name of liberty; and

13 Whereas, Many sons of America were laid to rest in the
14 graveyards of Europe, young lives cut short before their time,
15 brave and valiant men sacrificing the promise of their lifetime to
16 lay footprints on the sands of Normandy, thousands of miles from
17 their homes; and

18 Whereas, Those brave men who waged battle on the Normandy
19 coast represent the best of mankind, embodying a love of country, a
20 dedication to humanity, and, above all else, a profound and
21 steadfast devotion to the causes of liberty and freedom; and

22 Whereas, All those American soldiers who lost their lives and
23 shed their blood on that fateful day are testaments to America's
24 enduring promise to forever stand tall against tyrannical
25 governments, to always protect and defend democracy, and to never
26 forget that our nation and all great nations were built upon the
27 principles of freedom; and

28 Whereas, We must ever and always remember and honor the men
29 who fought and died on that day, both those who returned home as

1 heroes, husbands, and fathers, and also those whom history called
2 to their final breath on Norman sands; and

3 Whereas, Michiganders, realizing full well that words ring
4 hollow in honoring the bravery, valiance, and courage of these men,
5 seek to honor their memories; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day and
8 all of the Allied forces who fought along the beaches of Normandy
9 so that Europe might be free from the bonds of tyranny and
10 oppression. We encourage all Michiganders to observe the
11 anniversary of D-Day and to forever honor those souls whose eulogy
12 will always be a free and democratic Europe.