

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Senators Wojno, Bayer, Chang, Damoose, Huizenga, Johnson, Lindsey, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Santana, Singh, Theis and Webber offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

2           Whereas, On June 6, 1944, approximately 156,000 Allied troops  
3 landed along a heavily fortified stretch of French coastline,  
4 seeking to breach Fortress Europe and strike a crucial blow against  
5 the fascism of Nazi Germany; and

6           Whereas, D-Day, code named "Operation Overlord", was fought  
7 along the beaches of Normandy so that Europe might be free from the  
8 bonds of tyranny and oppression; and

9           Whereas, More than 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported  
10 the invasion, making D-Day the largest naval, air, and land

1 operation ever undertaken; and

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

6       Whereas, Allied forces suffered more than 10,000 casualties  
7 that day with over 4,000 Allied soldiers making the ultimate  
8 sacrifice, laying down their lives on the beachheads of France.

9 Many sons of America were laid to rest in the graveyards of Europe,  
10 young lives cut short before their time, thousands of miles from  
11 home; and

12       Whereas, The brave men who waged battle on the Normandy coast  
13 represent the best of mankind, embodied by a love of country, a  
14 dedication to humanity, and, above all else, a profound and  
15 steadfast devotion to the causes of liberty and freedom; and

16       Whereas, All those American soldiers are testaments to  
17 America's enduring promise to forever stand tall against tyrannical  
18 governments, to always protect and defend democracy, and to never  
19 forget that our nation and all great nations were built upon the  
20 principles of freedom; and

21       Whereas, We must always remember and honor the men who fought  
22 and died on that day, both those who returned home as heroes,  
23 husbands, and fathers, and also those whom history called to their  
24 final breath on Normandy sands; and

25       Whereas, The world owes a debt of gratitude to the members of  
26 the "Greatest Generation" who assumed the task of freeing the world  
27 from Nazi and fascist regimes and restoring liberty in Europe; and

28       Whereas, Michiganders, realizing full well that words ring  
29 hollow in honoring the bravery, valiance, and courage of these men,

1 seek to honor their memories; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
3 body commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day; and be it further

4 Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to observe the  
5 anniversary of D-Day and to forever honor those souls whose eulogy  
6 will always be a free and democratic Europe.