

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

Senator Wojno 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
11 operation ever undertaken; and

12 Whereas, These soldiers, many of whom were not even 20 years

1 old, faced a daunting and perilous task as they fought through the
2 ocean surf, braving artillery shells and machine gun fire with
3 little to no natural cover to protect against enemy guns; and

4 Whereas, Allied forces suffered more than 10,000 casualties
5 that day with over 4,000 Allied soldiers making the ultimate
6 sacrifice, laying down their lives on the beachheads of France.
7 Many sons of America were laid to rest in the graveyards of Europe,
8 young lives cut short before their time, thousands of miles from
9 home; and

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

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

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

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

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

29 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative

1 body commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day; and be it further
2 Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to observe the
3 anniversary of D-Day and to forever honor those souls whose eulogy
4 will always be a free and democratic Europe.