

No. R-165. House concurrent resolution commemorating the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II.

(H.C.R.122)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, World War II was a time when our nation was united in a common purpose to win a decisive victory over tyranny, and

Whereas, over 400,000 Americans sacrificed their lives in this noble cause, and

Whereas, Vermonters contributed bravely to this heroic effort as at least 1,200 died as a result of combat, and

Whereas, the soldiers of World II have been described as the nation's greatest generation and served as an inspiration to the generations that followed, and

Whereas, in 2010, Congress passed H. Con. Res. 226, "Supporting the observance of Spirit of '45 Day to mark August 14, 1945, the date World War II hostilities ceased," and

Whereas, 2015 is the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, and

Whereas, 90 percent of the greatest generation is deceased, and, for those World War II veterans still alive, many of whom are 90 years of age or older, this 70th anniversary is a significant occasion, and

Whereas, special focus will be directed towards the weekend of August 14–16, with major media events scheduled in New York City and San Diego, and featuring World War II aircraft flyovers and a cross country convoy of World War II military vehicles, and

Whereas, a special goal of Spirit of '45 Day 2015 is to stage 1,945 wreath laying ceremonies around the world, and

Whereas, the Department of Vermont Veterans of Foreign Wars has raised over \$9,000.00 for the purchase and placement of a new four feet tall and three feet wide World War II memorial at the Bennington Welcome Center on Route 279 (the Vermont World War II Veterans Memorial Highway), and

Whereas, the dedication of this new VFW World War II Memorial in Bennington on August 15 will be a highlight of Vermont's commemorative events, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commemorates the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the State of Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Vermont Veterans of Foreign War, and The American Legion Department of Vermont.