

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

WHEREAS, May 8, 2025, marks eighty years since the Nazi regime of Germany surrendered to the allied powers after nearly a decade of bloody conflict in World War II; and

WHEREAS, approximately twenty-five million allied combatants and non-combatants lost their lives in this war; and

WHEREAS, four hundred eighteen thousand American soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, coast guardsmen, and merchant marines gave their lives to defeat the Axis powers of Germany, Italy, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, approximately four thousand Louisiana sons and daughters paid the ultimate price in this war, offering up their service and ultimately their lives; they were men and women from every parish of our beloved state and these young heroes left a gaping hole in the hearts and souls of all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, the service of all Louisianans is to be lauded, of special note and significance are the nine Medal of Honor winners who hailed from the bayou state; the heroism, gallantry, and intrepidity of Louisiana's warriors were critical to the success of the overall effort to rid the world of the scourge of Nazism and imperialism; and

WHEREAS, during the direct battles with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy, the Louisianans were linchpins, as warriors carrying rifles, firing naval guns or flying aircraft; critical leaders such as New Orleans native "Lightning" Joe Collins, future LSU President Troy Middleton, future Adjutant General Major General Erbon Wise, and Air Corps Colonel John Riley Kane of Shreveport proudly contributed to Louisiana's part in the victory over the evils of tyranny in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana was home to the Louisiana maneuvers of 1941, where Louisiana hosted future President Dwight Eisenhower, five-star general of the Army Omar Bradley, and General George Patton and four hundred seventy-two thousand servicemen preparing to confront the tyranny of Nazism on the European plains.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the day known as VE Day, for victory in Europe Day, with grateful hearts and solemn pride for the end of the conflict, and we remember the lives of our men and women who paid the ultimate price so that we could remain a free nation and the greatest state in the union.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Thursday, May 8, 2025, as the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE