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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 70th anniversary of "V-J Day," the official end
2 of World War II, on September 2, 2015.

3 WHEREAS, The Pacific War, sometimes called the Asia-Pacific
4 War, was the theater of World War II which was fought in the
5 Pacific and East Asia between the Allied powers and the Empire
6 of Japan; and

7 WHEREAS, It is generally considered that the Pacific War
8 began on December 7, 1941, when Japan invaded Thailand and
9 attacked the British possessions of Malaya, Singapore and Hong
10 Kong as well as the United States military bases in Hawaii and
11 the Philippines; and

12 WHEREAS, The war culminated in the atomic bombings of
13 Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and other large aerial bomb attacks by
14 the United States Army Air Forces, accompanied by the Soviet
15 invasion of Manchuria on August 8, 1945, resulting in the
16 Japanese announcement of intent to surrender on August 15, 1945;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, On August 14, 1945, President Truman announced to

1 the American people the news of the pending Japanese surrender
2 and the occasion was declared "Victory Over Japan Day" or "V-J
3 Day"; and

4 WHEREAS, The formal and official surrender of Japan took
5 place aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on
6 September 2, 1945; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 250 Allied warships lay at anchor in Tokyo
8 Bay during the event; and

9 WHEREAS, General Douglas MacArthur, appointed by President
10 Truman to head the Allied occupation of Japan as Supreme
11 Commander of the Allied Powers, presided over and accepted the
12 surrender by the representative of the Japanese government; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 405,000 American soldiers died and 670,000
14 were wounded during World War II; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the 70th anniversary of
16 "V-J Day," the official end of World War II, on September 2,
17 2015.