

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

A RESOLUTION

To recognize Saturday, August 14, 2010, as Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, World War II officially ended, marking the beginning of healing for the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the World War II generation endured the Great Depression, preserved democracy, and rebuilt the postwar world, creating examples of service that continue to inspire and sustain our nation; and

WHEREAS, Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! is a nonprofit, grassroots campaign to encourage America to commemorate the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of World War II by holding events and inspiring youth to gather personal recollections of August 14, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the campaign's goal is to establish a permanent National Day of Remembrance to the legacy of service of the Greatest Generation so that their example of commitment to community and country will inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit of '45 reminds America how people came together with a shared sense of national unity and purpose during one of the most difficult times in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the Spirit of '45 encourages youth to learn valuable lessons about overcoming adversity through self-sacrifice, courage, perseverance, and service to others by interviewing members of the Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bobby Jindal has officially proclaimed Saturday, August 14, 2010, as Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! Day in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Spirit of '45 officially begins with a community service event hosted by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the USS Kidd Veterans Memorial and Museum; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the World War II generation merit a sincere measure of commendation upon the commemoration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of World War II.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Saturday, August 14, 2010, as Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! Day in the state of Louisiana, does hereby commend the men and women who served and supported the United States of America during World War II, and does hereby encourage citizens around the state to participate in the commemoration of the sixty-fifth anniversary of the end of World War II.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES