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H. RES. 1284

Expressing gratitude and appreciation for the bravery and valor of the Allied forces who participated in the Normandy landings on the 80th anniversary of Operation Overlord.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself and Ms. SHERRILL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing gratitude and appreciation for the bravery and valor of the Allied forces who participated in the Normandy landings on the 80th anniversary of Operation Overlord.

Whereas June 6, 2024, marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the first day of the Normandy landings conducted by Allied forces during World War II;

Whereas, on June 6, 1944, Operation Overlord began, which initiated the Normandy landings;

Whereas, to prepare for the Normandy landing, Allied forces engaged in intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance, and

military deception operations and developed new technologies;

Whereas the Normandy landings are the largest seaborne invasion and amphibious assault in naval history, with approximately 156,000 Allied troops having landed, 11,500 aircraft having supported landings, and 6,900 naval vessels having participated;

Whereas, during the operation, Allied troops landed on Utah Beach, Omaha Beach, Gold Beach, Juno Beach, and Sword Beach, all of which were in France;

Whereas the naval invasion fleet encompassed approximately 6,900 vessels, 4,100 various landing crafts, 1,200 warships, 860 merchant vessels, and 715 ancillary craft;

Whereas Allied military personnel persevered despite poor weather conditions that delayed the operations by 24 hours;

Whereas the Normandy landings ended on August 30, 1944, resulting in an Allied victory that led to the beginning of the liberation of France and established the foundation for Allied victory on the Western Front;

Whereas, during the landings, Allied forces landed over 2,000,000 troops in northern France suffering more than 225,000 casualties, 153,000 of whom were wounded and 72,900 of whom were killed or missing; and

Whereas, today, the Normandy American Cemetery is home to the final resting place of over 9,300 Americans who lost their lives in service during the Normandy landings and in the establishment of the beachhead: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the 80th anniversary of the Nor-
2 mandy landings on D-Day and calls on all citizens
3 of the United States to observe the anniversary with
4 appropriate commemorative ceremonies;

5 (2) honors the Allied troops who served during
6 the Normandy landings and lost their lives;

7 (3) acknowledges that the rapidly aging popu-
8 lation of World War II veterans currently alive is
9 swiftly diminishing, leading to the growing dis-
10 appearance of first-hand accounts of such wartime
11 experience, making it vital to expand educational ac-
12 tivities that teach about the historical importance of
13 the Normandy landings; and

14 (4) expresses sincere gratitude to the Greatest
15 Generation who selflessly, courageously, and fear-
16 lessly fought for the freedoms that all Americans
17 benefit from today, at great personal cost.

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