

House Resolution No. 4135

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which influence the present and future of our great state through endeavors that remind us of past events; and

Whereas, the Saint Louis Alliance for Preserving the Truth of the Sino-Japanese War in cooperation with other veterans groups and community organizations will commemorate the Sixtieth Anniversary of V-J Day in the city of Overland; and

Whereas, V-J Day observances mark the signing of the instruments of surrender by the Japanese on September 2, 1945, aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay after the use of newly-developed nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought World War II to a close; and

Whereas, the United States entered the Second World War in December 1941 following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

Whereas, in addition to the European Theater, United States military forces suffered heavy casualties in the south and west Pacific as they waged war against imperialist Japanese troops on islands throughout the area and in southeast Asia; and

Whereas, the civilian population in the region also suffered heavily, not only from World War II military battles, but also from the preceding Sino-Japanese War in which Japan drastically increased its geographical holdings through the exercise of its military might prior to the entrance of the United States and its allies into the war effort to restore freedom, democracy, and world peace:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the men and women who served as members of the United States armed forces in the Asia-Pacific Theater during World War II and to applaud the remembrance ceremony conducted by the Saint Louis Alliance for Preserving the Truth of the Sino-Japanese War and other veteran and community groups in the city of Overland, Missouri, on August 21, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to commemorate the Sixtieth Anniversary of V-J Day.

Offered by _____
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser
District No. 83

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4135, adopted August 5, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker