

# D R A F T

## SUMMARY

Designates second Sunday of each August as Spirit of '45 Day.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to a day of commemoration for the World War II generation.

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3 Whereas on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received  
4 word of the end of World War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble  
5 victory with joyous celebration, humility and spiritual reflection; and

6 Whereas the victory marked the culmination of a national effort that de-  
7 feated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations and  
8 ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

9 Whereas these historic accomplishments were achieved through the col-  
10 lective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, in-  
11 cluding both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on  
12 the home front; and

13 Whereas more than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their  
14 country during World War II; and

15 Whereas August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the  
16 beginning of an unprecedented era of rebuilding, during which the World  
17 War II generation created an array of organizations that helped to  
18 strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement,  
19 volunteerism and service to community and country; and

20 Whereas the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice and compassion of the  
21 World War II generation have inspired subsequent generations in the United  
22 States Armed Forces, including those currently in service in Afghanistan and

1 around the world; and

2 Whereas the entire World War II generation, military personnel and ci-  
3 vilians alike, has provided a model of unity and community that serves as  
4 a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans to  
5 come together to work for the continued betterment of the United States and  
6 the world; now, therefore,

7 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

8 **SECTION 1. The second Sunday in August of each year is desig-**  
9 **nated as Spirit of '45 Day to commemorate the service and sacrifice**  
10 **of the World War II generation.**

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