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Senate Bill 832

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

CHAPTER

AN ACT

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

Whereas the people of the State of Oregon honor the nearly 150,000 Oregonians who served in the armed forces during World War II, remember the 3,758 Oregonians who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives and thank the men and women who worked to protect the Pacific shore of Oregon; and

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

Whereas the victory marked the culmination of a national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

Whereas these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, including both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front; and

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The second Sunday in August of each year is designated as Spirit of '45 Day to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the World War II generation.

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