

# Senate Bill 832

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## SUMMARY

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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 word of the end of World  
4 War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility and spir-  
5 itual reflection; and

6 Whereas the victory marked the culmination of a national effort that defeated the forces of ag-  
7 gression, brought freedom to subjugated nations and ended the horrors of the Holocaust; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.