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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Memorializing the anniversary of the D-Day invasion of France
- and honoring the heroic efforts of the servicemen who fought
- 3 and those who lost their lives on June 6, 1944, as Allied
- 4 Forces stormed the beaches of Normandy.
- 5 WHEREAS, On June 6, 1944, the American, British, Canadian and
- 6 French Allied Forces of World War II set sail from England
- 7 across the turbulent, frigid waters of the English Channel to
- 8 launch an invasion of continental Europe; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Three years of strategic planning produced the D-Day
- 10 assault on the beaches of Normandy, France, to liberate France
- 11 and overthrow Nazi Germany; and
- 12 WHEREAS, On the night of June 5, 1944, more than 900 planes
- 13 and 100 gliders of the United States Ninth Air Force ascended

- 1 from British fields, carrying parachute jumpers from the 82nd
- 2 and 101st Divisions; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In the early hours of June 6, 1944, the huge armada
- 4 of 1,796 vessels, including 931 American ships, moved across the
- 5 English Channel; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Approximately 150,000 soldiers, including 57,300
- 7 American men, landed at Normandy, and 15,000 American
- 8 paratroopers descended during D-Day; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Approximately 6,000 Americans were killed or
- 10 wounded, many being met with deadly machine-gun fire as they
- 11 came ashore; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Courage and faith in their mission enabled these
- 13 servicemen to complete the D-Day assault, which was the
- 14 beginning of the end for Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich; and
- WHEREAS, It is fitting to remember the sacrifice of these men
- 16 on this historic occasion; therefore be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
- 18 anniversary of the D-Day invasion of France and honor the heroic
- 19 efforts of the servicemen who fought and those who lost their
- 20 lives on June 6, 1944, as Allied Forces stormed the beaches of
- 21 Normandy.