



Resolution

Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Conclusion of the War in the Pacific on August 15, 2005

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy, the United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, resulting in the loss of over 2,400 American lives; and

WHEREAS, the United States joined with allies from 32 countries to fight the common foe of fascist militarism in a war in which over 16,000,000 Americans served in the military; and

WHEREAS, the United States suffered over 670,000 casualties, with more than 400,000 deaths, while over 105,000 Americans were held as prisoners of war, many of whom were forced to participate in the infamous Bataan Death March or were forced to work as slave laborers; and

WHEREAS, countless millions died in places such as Hawaii, Guam, the Coral Sea, Midway, the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, Nanjing, Harbin, Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, Bataan, Corregidor, Manila, Luzon, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, New Guinea, Korea, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tokyo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki; and

WHEREAS, August, 15, 2005 marks the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, VJ Day commemorates the beginning of a new era of friendship between the United States and Japan; and

WHEREAS, the desire for peace after World War II led to the signing of the United Nations Charter on June 16, 1945 in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the events leading to and immediately following the end of World War II have been instrumental in promoting widespread freedom and democracy throughout the world; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, I, Congressman Michael M. Honda, do hereby acknowledge the 60th Anniversary of VJ Day and its legacy of peace and unity for the world community.

Michael M. Honda

Mike M. Honda, Member of Congress