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Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II with the surrender of Imperial Japan and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and European theaters.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World War II with the surrender of Imperial Japan and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and European theaters.

Whereas, on December 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II, joining the Allies to fight the Axis Powers in a war in which over 16,300,000 citizens of the United States served in the military;

Whereas, during World War II, approximately 415,000 United States servicemembers were killed, another 670,000 were seriously wounded, and 130,000 were held as prisoners of war; and

Whereas September 2, 1945, marked the official end of World War II, with representatives of the Allied and Jap-

Japanese governments signing the Instrument of Surrender, prepared by the Department of War and approved by President Harry S. Truman: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors all veterans, living and deceased, of
3 the Pacific and European theaters of World War II
4 on the 80th anniversary of the conclusion of World
5 War II;

6 (2) expresses the deep appreciation and grati-
7 tude of the United States for the valor and selfless
8 service of the veterans of World War II;

9 (3) calls on the people of the United States to
10 commemorate the 80th anniversary of the signing of
11 the Instrument of Surrender aboard the USS Mis-
12 souri (BB-63) on September 2, 1945, as a day of
13 appreciation for the members of the “Greatest Gen-
14 eration” who, through their sacrifices both in the
15 Armed Forces and on the home front, preserved lib-
16 erty for future generations;

17 (4) mourns the more than 200,000 people, in-
18 cluding more than 12,000 United States
19 servicemembers and up to 150,000 Japanese civil-
20 ians, who died from April 1 to June 22, 1945, in the
21 Battle of Okinawa, which was the only land battle
22 on the home islands of Japan and the costliest
23 ground combat of the Asia-Pacific War, and which

1 led President Harry S. Truman to re-examine the
2 costs of invading mainland Japan;

3 (5) reaffirms the Treaty of Peace with Japan,
4 done at San Francisco September 8, 1951 (com-
5 monly known as the “Treaty of San Francisco”),
6 which formally ended the “state of war”; and

7 (6) recognizes that the alliances formed in the
8 Indo-Pacific region following World War II, includ-
9 ing those with Japan, Australia, the Philippines, the
10 Republic of Korea, and Thailand, as well as critical
11 military bases developed on Okinawa, Guam, Wake
12 Island, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall
13 Islands, Micronesia, Palau, and elsewhere, have con-
14 tributed immeasurably to the continued peace and
15 prosperity enjoyed throughout the Indo-Pacific re-
16 gion.