

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 656

Designating the second Sunday in August, in 2017 and in each succeeding year, as Spirit of '45 Day in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2017

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2017

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the citizens of the United States received word of the end of World War II and joined with people around the world in celebration of the Allied powers' victory; and

WHEREAS, the victory marked the culmination of a noble national effort to defeat the forces of Nazi aggression, bring freedom to subjugated nations, and end the horrors of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, victory was achieved through the service and sacrifices of countless Americans at home and abroad, including the more than 400,000 Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their nation and the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the end of World War II also marked the beginning of a new era of American growth, in which the United States worked to build and strengthen a peaceful, prosperous global community; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who lived and served during World War II would become known as the Greatest Generation for their commitment to civic engagement, volunteerism, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, the courage, dedication, and compassion of the Greatest Generation continues to inspire Americans to work toward bettering the lives of others throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the United States Congress voted to honor the legacies of the men and women who served during World War II by establishing the national Spirit of '45 Day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the second Sunday in August, in 2017 and in each succeeding year, as Spirit of '45 Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! so that members of the coalition may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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