

H. Res. 737

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

September 28, 2004.

Whereas Guam was attacked by Imperial Japanese Forces on December 8, 1941, at the same time that Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked, the different dates owing to the International Date Line;

Whereas Guam was subsequently invaded by enemy forces on December 10, 1941, and occupied until liberation on July 21, 1944;

Whereas the people of Guam suffered a brutal occupation due to their steadfast loyalty to the United States;

Whereas, during the 32-month occupation, the people of Guam suffered atrocities, such as forced labor, forced march, internment, injury, and death, including public executions; and

Whereas the loyalty and courage of the people of Guam during this period in American history serves as an inspiration for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the year 2004 as the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Guam during World War II;

(2) recognizes the extraordinary heroism and steadfast loyalty exhibited by the people of Guam who endured the occupation;

(3) recognizes the bravery and courage of all members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the battle to recapture and liberate Guam, and all veterans who fought in the Pacific Theater during World War II;

(4) encourages the American people to commemorate the Liberation of Guam and to observe the anniversary of the significant battles of the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

(5) requests the Secretary of the Interior to establish commemorative programs honoring the liberators and the people of Guam at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in Guam.

Attest:

Clerk.