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H. RES. 360

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of V–J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FEENEY, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 60th anniversary of V–J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific.

Whereas the United States entered the Second World War in December 1941, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and over the next four years Americans participated in what was arguably the greatest national endeavor in the Nation's history;

Whereas the casualty toll of Americans in the Pacific Theater during World War II was approximately 92,904 killed, 208,333 wounded, and tens of thousands missing in action and prisoners of war, with civilians and military

forces of the Allied Powers suffering equally devastating tolls;

Whereas Japanese military forces and the Japanese civilian population also suffered staggering losses;

Whereas on August 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito of Japan announced the unconditional surrender of Japan's military forces, made formal on September 2, 1945, aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan; thus ending the most devastating war in human history;

Whereas Japan is now a free and prosperous democracy, a valued, durable friend based on shared values and mutual interests, and a guarantor against despotism and oppression in that area of the world; and

Whereas the courage and sacrifice of the members of the United States Armed Forces and of the military forces of the Allied Powers who served valiantly to rescue the Pacific nations from tyranny and aggression should always be remembered: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of V–J Day
3 and the end of World War II in the Pacific theater;

4 (2) joins with a grateful Nation in expressing
5 respect and appreciation to the members of the
6 United States Armed Forces who served in the Pa-
7 cific theater during World War II; and

8 (3) remembers and honors those Americans who
9 made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives for

- 1 their country during the campaigns in the Pacific
- 2 theater during World War II.

