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Recognizing and honoring the United States troops who gave their lives
on D-Day at the Battle of Normandy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the United States troops who gave
their lives on D-Day at the Battle of Normandy.

Whereas June 6 marks the 66th anniversary of the D-Day
landings at Normandy, France;

Whereas more than 150,000 troops of the Allied forces par-
ticipated in the Normandy landings;

Whereas 31,000 United States soldiers stormed the beaches
of Normandy on D-Day and more than 6,000 of them
gave their lives fighting for the cause of freedom;

Whereas, on June 6, 1944, close to 31,000 Allied airmen flew
7,500 raids between midnight and 8 a.m.;

Whereas 5,000 ships carrying soldiers and supplies crossed
the English Channel;

Whereas the United States shipped 7,000,000 tons of supplies, of which 448,000 tons was ammunition;

Whereas 800 Allied planes dropped over 13,000 men in parachutes;

Whereas 300 Allied planes dropped bombs on German troops defending the beaches;

Whereas Allied troops came ashore on a 60-mile front in the largest seaborne invasion in history;

Whereas more than 100,000 Allied soldiers made it ashore while 9,000 of their comrades were wounded or died;

Whereas there are 9,386 graves in Colleville-sur-Mer, the largest United States cemetery in Northern France where all graves face west, toward the United States;

Whereas there are 307 graves containing the remains of unknown soldiers;

Whereas within the Garden of the Missing there are 1,557 names of soldiers who were never found;

Whereas the average age of United States soldiers fighting in the Battle of Normandy was 20 years old;

Whereas captured Germans were sent to United States prisoner of war (POW) camps at the rate of 30,000 POWs per month from D-Day until Christmas 1944; and

Whereas the Allied landings on D-Day led to the liberation of France and culminated in the ultimate annihilation of the Nazi empire: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the United States troops who gave

3 their lives in the Battle of Normandy;

1 (2) recognizes the 66th anniversary of the D-
2 Day landings at Normandy, France; and

3 (3) expresses gratitude to the “greatest genera-
4 tion” of United States soldiers who fearlessly fought
5 for freedom.

