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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 144

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIED LANDING AT NORMANDY DURING WORLD WAR II.

1 WHEREAS, June 6, 2024, marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, the first day of the Allied landing at Normandy  
2 during World War II by American, British, and Canadian troops; and

3 WHEREAS, the D-Day landing, known as Operation Overlord, was the most extensive amphibious operation ever  
4 to occur, involving on the first day of the operation 5,000 naval vessels, more than 11,000 sorties by Allied aircraft, and  
5 153,000 members of the Allied Expeditionary Force; and

6 WHEREAS, the Allied invasion that took place on D-Day involved significant contributions from Delaware  
7 veterans including Maurice Kaye of Wilmington who fought with the Provisional Engineer Special Brigade Group, which  
8 was part of an early wave of Allied troops that fought on Normandy Beach; and

9 WHEREAS, the bravery and sacrifices of the Allied troops at 5 separate Normandy beaches and numerous  
10 paratrooper and glider landing zones began what Allied Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower called a “Crusade in  
11 Europe” to end Nazi tyranny and restore freedom and human dignity to millions of people; and

12 WHEREAS, 12 Delawareans are recorded to have lost their lives or sustained mortal wounds on D-Day and 40  
13 Delawareans were killed from D-Day through July 31, 1944 during the liberation of France; and

14 WHEREAS, Delaware veterans such as James Davis, Jr., who died at age 26 in the D-Day invasion at Normandy  
15 in 1944, had been posthumously recognized with military honors including the Bronze Service Medal and Purple Heart  
16 Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, Thomas Maloney, a D-Day veteran who passed this February at age 100, exemplified the bravery and  
18 commitment of Delawareans who served during WWII, being among the first off the landing craft at Utah Beach during the  
19 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy; and

20 WHEREAS, that great assault by sea and air marked the beginning of the end of Hitler’s ambition for world  
21 domination; and

22 WHEREAS, American troops suffered over 6,500 casualties on D-Day; and

23 WHEREAS, the people of the United States should honor the valor and sacrifices of their fellow countrymen, both  
24 living and dead, who fought that day for liberty and the cause of freedom in Europe.

25 NOW, THEREFORE:

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the  
27 Senate concurring therein, that June 6, 2024 is recognized as the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during  
28 WWII.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes June 6, 2024 as the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when the Allied Troops landed at Normandy during WWII.