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96th Congress

Joint Resolution

Feb. 28, 1980
[H.J. Res. 469]

Designating February 19, 1980, as "Iwo Jima Commemoration Day".

Whereas the battle of Iwo Jima produced the most famous and lasting symbol of the courage and resolute determination that brought victory to the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II; and

Whereas the battle of Iwo Jima was a military victory critical to the assault on Japan, providing a base for American fighter escorts and a way station for bombers raiding Japan; and

Whereas the invasion of Iwo Jima cost five thousand nine hundred and thirty-one American lives and seventeen thousand two hundred and seventy-two casualties; and

Whereas the 19th of February 1980 marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iwo Jima: Now, therefore, be it

Iwo Jima Commemoration Day. Designation.

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That February 19, 1980, is designated as "Iwo Jima Commemoration Day" and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.**

Approved February 28, 1980.

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