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Commemorating May 8, 2011, as the 66th anniversary of V-E Day, the end of World War II in Europe.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2011

Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating May 8, 2011, as the 66th anniversary of V-E Day, the end of World War II in Europe.

Whereas on December 11, 1941, 4 days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States;

Whereas on November 8, 1942, United States and Allied forces began Operation Torch, the invasion of North Africa;

Whereas German and other Axis forces in North Africa surrendered on May 13, 1943;

Whereas in July of 1943, United States and Allied forces landed in Sicily;

Whereas on September 8, 1943, Italy surrendered to United States and Allied forces, although German troops in Italy continued to fight until May of 1945;

Whereas more than 150,000 Allied soldiers landed in France on June 6, 1944, known thereafter as “D-Day”;

Whereas on August 25, 1944, United States and Allied forces liberated Paris;

Whereas from mid- to late- December, during the Battle of the Bulge, United States troops heroically resisted a major German offensive in Belgium and France;

Whereas United States troops crossed the Rhine River at Remagen on March 7, 1945;

Whereas Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies at Reims on May 7, 1945, and to the Soviet Union on May 9, 1945, in Berlin;

Whereas during World War II, an estimated 292,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were killed in action and more than 400,000 members of the United States Armed Forces died; and

Whereas United States President Harry S. Truman declared May 8, 1945, “V-E day”, the end of World War II in Europe, although war with Japan continued until August 14, 1945: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the historic contribution made by
3 United States veterans of World War II to human
4 liberty and the safety of the United States and its
5 allies;

1 (2) honors veterans who served in the European
2 Theatre of Operations and elsewhere during World
3 War II;

4 (3) remembers with gratitude the members of
5 the United States Armed Forces who made the ulti-
6 mate sacrifice during World War II; and

7 (4) commemorates May 8, 2011, as the 66th
8 anniversary of V-E Day, the end of World War II
9 in Europe.

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