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H. RES. 545

Supporting the designation of Guam War Survivors Remembrance Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOYLAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of Guam War Survivors
Remembrance Day.

Whereas Guam is an unincorporated territory of the United States in the Mariana Island chain and has been an integral part of the United States since December 10, 1898;

Whereas Guam was invaded by Imperial Japanese forces on December 8, 1941, hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor;

Whereas the CHamoru people of Guam endured nearly 3 years of harsh occupation and atrocities by Imperial Japanese forces during World War II until it was liberated in 1944 by American forces;

Whereas the survivors of this occupation demonstrated extraordinary courage, resilience, and unwavering loyalty to the United States despite facing unimaginable hardships;

Whereas survivors endured forced labor, torture, beatings, executions, and forced marches to concentration camps, including the notorious Manenggon camp where approximately 18,000 CHamoru people were imprisoned without adequate food, shelter, or sanitation;

Whereas survivors risked their lives to hide and protect members of the Armed Forces, including George Ray Tweed, who evaded capture for 31 months with CHamoru assistance;

Whereas families were torn apart as survivors watched loved ones die during forced marches, lost children during birth, and were compelled to leave deceased family members behind without proper burial;

Whereas an estimated 1,170 CHamoru civilians died during the occupation, representing nearly 10 percent of the population;

Whereas survivors maintained their faith, cultural identity, and hope for American liberation while preserving crucial testimony of Imperial Japanese war crimes committed on American soil;

Whereas the United States recognized the loyalty of the people of Guam and passed the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act in 2016;

Whereas the Government of Guam has awarded over \$38,000,000 in combined Federal and local war reparations to survivors and descendants;

Whereas survivors provided intelligence and support that contributed to American liberation forces reaching Guam on July 21, 1944;

Whereas the resilience and unwavering loyalty of survivors represent the indomitable spirit of the CHamoru people;

Whereas survivors and their families deserve continued recognition for their sacrifices and ongoing support for their needs;

Whereas the legacy of these survivors reminds us of our obligation to protect human rights and prevent such atrocities from occurring again;

Whereas honoring survivors ensures that their experiences will not be forgotten and that their courage will inspire future generations; and

Whereas June 28, 2025, marks the 10th anniversary of Guam War Survivors Remembrance Day, commemorating the courage and resilience of Guam’s survivors and honoring their unwavering loyalty and sacrifices: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Guam War
3 Survivors Remembrance Day” to honor the resili-
4 ence and extraordinary courage of CHamoru sur-
5 vivors who endured nearly three years of Imperial
6 Japanese occupation while maintaining their loyalty
7 to the United States; and

8 (2) calls upon the people of the United States
9 to observe Guam War Survivors Remembrance Day
10 with appropriate ceremonies and activities to honor
11 the memory of survivors who have passed, support
12 those still living, and ensure their stories of courage
13 and sacrifice continue to inspire future generations.

