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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Japan Day

WHEREAS, The suffering and sacrifices of members of the United States Armed Forces, who served so faithfully and courageously in World War II, must be remembered with reverence so future generations will never forget the cost of the peace they made possible; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Japan (V-J) Day, to be celebrated on August 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On August 14, 1945, the United States formally accepted the unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Japan and the end of the Imperial Japanese Army, officially ending World War II; with victory in the Pacific came a collective celebration of the cessation of a war which lasted six years, spread over three continents and resulted in the death and suffering of millions; and

WHEREAS, Victory in Europe (V-E Day) on May 8 and Victory in Japan Day on August 14 are a time when people across the globe pay tribute to those who so courageously fought for this great nation; and

WHEREAS, The end of World War II was finalized aboard the battleship USS Missouri on September 2, 1945, when representatives of the United States and Japan signed the official Japanese surrender; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, acting on behalf of this Empire State, to honor the members of the United States Armed Services who served so valiantly, and with such distinction, to end the "Great War," and specifically to honor the more than 100,000 veterans of World War II yet living in New York, who remind us by their example why they were the "Greatest Generation"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Japan Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the American Legion, Department of New York, Albany, New York; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New York, Albany, New York; and to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, New Windsor, New York.