

House Resolution 39 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

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1 A Resolution commemorating the seventieth anniversary
2 of the beginning of World War II and honoring all
3 World War II veterans.
4 WHEREAS, nearly 70 years ago, President Franklin
5 Delano Roosevelt announced to Americans that December
6 7, 1941, was "a date which will live in infamy"; and
7 WHEREAS, on that morning, America was maliciously
8 attacked without warning and without provocation
9 and more than 2,400 Americans died and 1,100 were
10 wounded; and

1 WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor changed America
2 forever, thrusting the United States into the Second
3 World War with Japan, Italy, and Germany; and

4 WHEREAS, following the attack, Iowans answered the
5 call of service and joined the armed forces in defense
6 of freedom, with 262,638 Iowans serving valiantly
7 during World War II, with 8,398 laying down their
8 lives, and 10 being awarded the Medal of Honor; and

9 WHEREAS, during World War II, in some of the darkest
10 days of the twentieth century, Iowans proudly served
11 the United States, which stood with more than 40 allied
12 nations to fight and defeat the enemies of freedom
13 across both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and

14 WHEREAS, more than 16 million Americans served in
15 the military during World War II and more than 400,000
16 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their
17 lives in the service of their country and their fellow
18 Americans and in the name of freedom everywhere; and

19 WHEREAS, all Americans sacrificed on the home front
20 by giving up their loved ones and working for the war
21 effort, offering valuable support to family members,
22 neighbors, and unknown fellow Americans; and

23 WHEREAS, we honor the lives lost in the attack on
24 Pearl Harbor and salute the veterans of World War II
25 by remembering their sacrifices, also paying tribute
26 to those now serving America to advance freedom around
27 the world; NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
29 the House of Representatives recognizes December 7,
30 2011, as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and commemorates

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1 the seventieth anniversary of the United States of
2 America entering into World War II; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all World War II
4 survivors be accorded special thanks and recognition
5 for their actions in their fight against Nazism,
6 fascism, and totalitarianism; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That those killed during
8 the war be memorialized so the memories of them do not
9 fade; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all state agencies,
11 interested organizations, groups, and individuals
12 be encouraged to observe this solemn occasion with
13 appropriate ceremonies and activities.