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RESOLUTION

To urge Congress to enact House Resolution 2070 1
requiring the installation in the area of the 2
World War II Memorial in Washington D.C., a 3
suitable plaque or an inscription with the words 4
that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with 5
the nation on June 6, 1944. 6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1944, the United States Armed Forces and 7
their allies conducted the largest amphibious landing in world 8
history in an effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi 9
occupation during World War II; and 10

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1944, United States President Franklin D. 11
Roosevelt, speaking to the American people, offered the following 12
prayer: 13

"My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about 14
the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United 15
States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and 16
greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far. 17

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in 18

prayer: 19

Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have 20
set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, 21
our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering 22
humanity. 23

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, 24
stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith. 25

They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and 26
hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. 27
Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again 28
and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness 29
of our cause, our sons will triumph. 30

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without 31
rest-until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise 32
and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war. 33

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They 34
fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. 35
They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and 36
tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for 37
the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home. 38

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive 39
them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom. 40

And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, 41
sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas -- whose thoughts and 42
prayers are ever with them--help us, Almighty God, to rededicate 43
ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great 44
sacrifice. 45

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single 46
day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire 47
is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance 48

of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is 49
spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to 50
our efforts. 51

Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to 52
redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the 53
material support of our armed forces. 54

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to 55
bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons 56
wheresoever they may be. 57

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in 58
our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let 59
not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts 60
of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment 61
let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose. 62

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of 63
our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial 64
arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our 65
sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a 66
peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace 67
that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards 68
of their honest toil. 69

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen"; and 70

WHEREAS, House Resolution 2070, introduced in Congress on 71
June 1, 2011, requires the installation in the area of the World 72
War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., a suitable plaque or an 73
inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt 74
prayed with the nation; now therefore be it 75

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 76
Representatives of the 129th General Assembly of the State of 77
Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, urge Congress to enact House 78
Resolution 2070; and be it further 79

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 80
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 81
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 82
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 83
Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the 84
news media of Ohio. 85