

HR 9111

2015

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing 2015 as "Victory Florida Year" in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, and

WHEREAS, the end of World War II in Europe was announced on May 8, 1945, and in the Pacific on August 14, 1945, enabling Floridians to gratefully welcome home their heroic servicemembers, and

WHEREAS, victory preserved the founding principles of our nation and the inalienable rights of all American citizens, and

WHEREAS, freedom prevailed in the United States and Europe when tyranny was replaced by democracy and millions of people were liberated from oppression, and

WHEREAS, more than 16 million Americans served during the war, over 250,000 of whom were Floridians, exemplifying the bravery and patriotism of that generation of Americans, and

WHEREAS, many Floridians wore the uniform of soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman, or Merchant Mariner, giving the best years of their lives to the greatest mission our nation ever accepted, and

WHEREAS, thousands of additional Floridians contributed to the war effort at home by caring for the sick and building roads and military training installations, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida contributed to the war effort

HR 9111

2015

27 | through agriculture and innovation and by serving as a tourist
28 | destination for hardworking civilian workers and servicemembers
29 | to rest and recuperate, and

30 | WHEREAS, World War II set the stage for rapid modernization
31 | in Florida, transforming a rural, agricultural state into a
32 | modern, dynamic center and advancing it from the 29th-most
33 | populous state in 1940 to the 3rd-most populous state in the
34 | country today, and

35 | WHEREAS, after World War II ended, military bases became
36 | civilian airports, Cape Canaveral became an important site for
37 | the nation's space program, and affordable education, due to the
38 | GI Bill, contributed to the rapid postwar expansion of Florida's
39 | higher education system, and

40 | WHEREAS, Florida's significant role in World War II helped
41 | ensure victory for our nation and prosperity for Floridians from
42 | that day forth, NOW, THEREFORE,

43

44 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
45 | Florida:

46

47 | That 2015 is recognized as "Victory Florida Year" in the
48 | State of Florida, and that all citizens, counties, cities,
49 | businesses, churches, museums, and veterans' organizations in
50 | the state are urged to remember the 70th anniversary of the end
51 | of World War II and the contributions of the state and its
52 | servicemembers during this extraordinary time in history.