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Senate Resolution

A resolution encouraging the observance of National Spirit of '45 Day in the state on August 11, 2013.

WHEREAS, on August 14, 1945, the people of the United States received word of the end of World War II and greeted the news of the Allies' noble victory with joyous celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection, and

WHEREAS, the victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors of the Holocaust, and

WHEREAS, these historic accomplishments were achieved through the collective service and personal sacrifice of the people of the United States, both those who served in uniform and those who supported them on the home front, and the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in service to their country during World War II, and

WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of the war but also the beginning of an unparalleled era of rebuilding led by the United States to restore the societies of both its allies and former foes alike and the formation of an array of organizations and institutions that helped to strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to community and country, and

WHEREAS, the courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the "ordinary heroes" of the World War II generation continue to inspire our nation, especially the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who are currently

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30 serving around the world protecting our country, and

31 WHEREAS, the entire World War II generation, military and
32 civilian alike, has provided a model of national unity and
33 community that will continue to serve as a source of inspiration
34 for current and future generations of Americans to come together
35 to work for the continued prosperity of the Unites States and
36 the world, and

37 WHEREAS, National Spirit of '45 Day is observed each year
38 on the second Sunday in August to commemorate the anniversary of
39 the end of World War II on August 14, 1945, NOW, THEREFORE,

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41 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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43 That the Senate of the State of Florida encourages the
44 observance of National Spirit of '45 Day in Florida on August
45 11, 2013.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
47 presented to the Florida Spirit of '45 Committee as a tangible
48 token of the sentiments expressed herein.