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PEARL HARBOR DAY : DESIGNATE DECEMBER 7

House Bill 5638
Sponsor: Rep. Janet Kukuk
Committee: Veteran's Affairs

Complete to 5-1-00

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5638 AS INTRODUCED 4-18-00

The bill would create a new act to designate December 7 as "Pearl Harbor Day." The bill would state that the legislature recognized "the enormous sacrifice made by the 2,335 servicemen and service women who gave their lives in the defense of this nation during the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Another 1,143 servicemen and servicewomen were injured during the attack. The legislature further recognizes that the attack on Pearl Harbor changed the course of history by bringing the United States into the war with Japan and Germany. In commemoration of this historic and tragic attack, the legislature declares that December 7 of each year shall be known as 'Pearl Harbor Day'." The bill also states that "the legislature [would] encourage individuals, governmental and educational institutions, and community organizations to pause on Pearl Harbor day and reflect upon the courage and sacrifice of those who died or were injured in that attack."

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