

Reps. Nofs, Gaffney, Walker, Farhat, Hune, Garfield, Acciavatti, Milosch, Caswell, Palmer, Drolet, Shackleton, Ehardt, Amos, Huizenga, Sheen, Hager, Pumford, Middaugh, Caul, Nitz, Rocca, Wojno, Wenke, Sak, Palsrok, Brandenburg, Clack, Bieda, Pastor, Shaffer, Robertson, Vander Veen, Ruth Johnson, LaSata, Howell, Stewart, Sheltroun, Bisbee, Newell, Jamnick, Minore, Van Regenmorter, Moolenaar, Stahl, Hoogendyk, Meisner, Elkins, Taub, Condino, Hunter, Spade, Koetje and Richardville offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 274.

A resolution declaring June 6, 2004, as D-Day Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, June 6, 2004, marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day, the day that began the Allied assault at Normandy, France, during World War II; and

Whereas, The D-Day assault, known as Operation Overlord, was the most amphibious operation ever to occur. On the first day, it involved the operation of 5,000 ships, over 11,000 sorties of Allied aircraft, and 153,000 American, British, and Canadian troops; and

Whereas, Five separate beaches were assaulted. American forces, commanded by Lieutenant General Omar Bradley, attacked Omaha and Utah beaches and British and Canadian forces, commanded by General Miles Dempsey, attacked Gold, Juno, and Sword beaches; and

Whereas, American troops suffered significant losses during the assault, including over 6,500 casualties; and

Whereas, The D-Day assault was among the most critical events of World War II. The success of the Allied landings in Normandy provided the foothold for the liberation of France and the eventual Allied breakthrough into Germany which ultimately led to the Allied victory in Europe; and

Whereas, June 6, 1944, is one of the most significant dates in the history of the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare June 6, 2004, as D-Day Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the state of Michigan urges all residents to participate in appropriate patriotic exercises to commemorate this day.