

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 18

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commemorating Japan's surrender during
8 World War II; recognizing the sacrifice of WWII
9 veterans; and declaring August 14th annually as "V-J
10 Day" in Oklahoma.

11 WHEREAS, the weapons of war were silenced on August 14, 1945,
12 when Imperial Japan announced its surrender bringing the Second
13 World War to an end; and

14 WHEREAS, the global war lasted from September 1, 1939, to
15 September 2, 1945, with the vast majority of the world's countries
16 including all the great powers, forming two opposing military
17 alliances: the Allies and the Axis; and

18 WHEREAS, on September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was
19 performed in Tokyo Bay, Japan, aboard the battleship USS Missouri;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, more than 405,000 Americans gave their lives during
22 World War II; and

23 WHEREAS, World War II was the deadliest military conflict in
24 history with an estimated 60-80 million casualties; and

1 WHEREAS, Victory over Japan Day, also known as "V-J Day", is the
2 day on which the Allies, including the United States, Great Britain
3 and many other countries that were fighting together, marked victory
4 over Japan.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
6 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commemorates the surrender of
8 Imperial Japan on August 14, 1945, and the end of World War II.

9 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the courage, sacrifice
10 and patriotism of Oklahoma's World War II veterans as well as the
11 many other soldiers around the globe who helped defeat tyranny.

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares August 14th annually as
13 "V-J Day" in Oklahoma.

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