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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 436 Session of  
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SAINATO, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, TALLMAN, THOMAS,  
WATSON, WHEELAND AND YOUNGBLOOD, AUGUST 10, 2015

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
AUGUST 10, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating September 2, 2015, as "V-J Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, September 2, 2015, marks the 70th anniversary of the  
3 signing of the Japanese Instrument of Surrender aboard the  
4 battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, On August 15, 1945, Japanese Emperor Hirohito urged  
6 his people to accept the terms of surrender set by the Potsdam  
7 Declaration; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 2, 2015, the Japanese foreign minister,  
9 Mamoru Shigemitsu, and the chief of staff of the Japanese army,  
10 Yoshijiro Umezu, signed the Instrument of Surrender; and

11 WHEREAS, General Douglas MacArthur, Commander in the  
12 Southwest Pacific and the Supreme Commander for the Allied  
13 Power, accepted the Japanese surrender on behalf of the Allied

1 Powers; and

2 WHEREAS, The following representatives were present for the  
3 Allied Powers: Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz for the United  
4 States of America, General Hsu Yung-chang for China, Admiral Sir  
5 Bruce Fraser for the United Kingdom, Lieutenant General Kuzma  
6 Derevyanko for the Soviet Union, General Sir Thomas Blamey and  
7 Colonel Lawrence Moore Cosgrave for Canada, General de Corps  
8 d'Armee Philippe Leclerc de Hauteclocque for France, Lieutenant  
9 Admiral C.E.L. Helfrich for the Netherlands and Air Vice Marshal  
10 Leonard M. Isitt for New Zealand; and

11 WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman received the Instrument of  
12 Surrender on September 7, 1945; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commemorate  
14 September 2, 2015, as "V-J Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That local governments and communities throughout  
17 this Commonwealth are encouraged to conduct appropriate "V-J  
18 Day" observances to ensure that the many who sacrificed for that  
19 day are not forgotten.