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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 8, 2015, as the 70th anniversary of "Victory in  
2 Europe Day" or "V-E Day."

3 WHEREAS, By April 1945 the German Army was shattered; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 25, 1945, American and Soviet forces met at  
5 the Elbe River, and five days later Adolf Hitler committed  
6 suicide in his Berlin bunker; and

7 WHEREAS, Hitler's successor, Admiral Karl Doenitz, sent  
8 General Alfred Jodl to the Supreme Headquarters Allied  
9 Expeditionary Forces detachment in Reims to seek terms for an  
10 end to the war; and

11 WHEREAS, At 2:41 a.m. on May 7, 1945, General Jodl signed for  
12 the unconditional surrender of German forces on all fronts,  
13 effective the next day at 11:01 p.m.; and

14 WHEREAS, After six years and millions of lives lost, the Nazi  
15 scourge was crushed, war in Europe was finally over and war-  
16 weary soldiers and civilians could join in giving thanks; and

17 WHEREAS, On May 8, 1945, "Victory in Europe Day" was

1 proclaimed and observed in Western Europe and Great Britain,  
2 where more than 1 million people gathered in London with the  
3 British Royal Family and Prime Minister Winston Churchill; and

4 WHEREAS, "Victory in Europe Day" observances were also held  
5 in Canada and the United States, where President Harry Truman  
6 celebrated his 61st birthday and dedicated the Allied victory to  
7 the memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died on  
8 April 12; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 9, 1945, the Soviet Union marked the end of  
10 war, known there as the Great Patriotic War; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize May 8, 2015, as the 70th  
12 anniversary of "Victory in Europe Day" or "V-E Day."