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Congressional Resolution Recognizes Veterans, Celebrates Completion of National WWII Memorial

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives today overwhelmingly passed a congressional resolution, introduced by Congressman Jerry Moran, recognizing the more than 16 million Americans who served during World War II, the 400,000 who died defending the country and the millions of men and women who supported the effort on the home front. The resolution, introduced by Moran less than two weeks ago, also celebrates the completion of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"With the dedication ceremony just a few weeks away, I am pleased the House acted quickly to pass this resolution honoring our World War II veterans and their families," Moran said. "This memorial is a fitting tribute and this resolution a recognition by Congress of these veterans' service to our country."

During this year's Memorial Day weekend, thousands of WWII veterans from across the country will gather in the nation's capital to dedicate the new WWII Memorial on the National Mall. Moran's resolution, H.Con.Res. 409, also recognizes the efforts of National Chairman Senator Robert J. Dole and National Co-Chairman Frederick W. Smith for their role in raising donations to pay for the construction of the memorial. In addition, the resolution recognizes the efforts of actor Tom Hanks, the Advertising Council and the History Channel for their work in increasing public awareness of the heroic achievements of World War II veterans and for raising support for the memorial.

Moran's resolution, which passed on a vote of 422 to 0, is cosponsored by the six members of the House who served in World War II, including Cass Ballenger (R-NC), John Dingell (D-MI), Ralph Hall (R-TX), Amo Houghton (R-NY), Henry Hyde (R-IL) and Ralph Regula (R-OH). The resolution is also co-sponsored by Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), the Congresswoman who introduced the legislation to establish the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Our country owes a great debt of gratitude to the World War II generation," Moran said. "Without their selfless sacrifice and undaunted courage, Americans would not have the freedoms we enjoy today."

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