

Greetings to the House Committee on Special Legislation,

My name is Kathy Lessuck and I am writing in support of H 5887, Rename Victory Day with Peace and Remembrance Day.

It is disturbing to me every year when I explain to family and friends who live outside of Rhode Island that Rhode Island still celebrates Victory Day, still commonly known as VJ day or Victory over Japan day, which was accomplished by the dropping of two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

By changing the name to Peace and Remembrance Day, we will be able to remember the sacrifices of all people during that war, and the horrendous toll on civilians, in that moment and until this day, as people are still suffering the consequences of that day.

Again, please vote to change the name of this holiday to Peace and Remembrance Day, which I look forward to recognizing at an event with you later this summer.

Thank you,

Kathy Lessuck