

Hello Committee Members

I am writing in Support of HB 5887
the renaming of Victory Day to the much more appropriate title of
Peace & Remembrance Day

As we revisit this bill, yet again, please consider the impact this name change can have.
Act today, not another year of held for further study....

The renaming will still honor the past with respect & dignity.
The holiday will be an acknowledgement of the many lives lost, both members of the
armed forces & innocent civilians.

The holiday will become a day to honor the past and reflect on the things we have
learned and to move forward in peace.

We see the action of the last days of World War II through different lenses and now
acknowledge the wrongful imprisonment of American citizens of Japanese descent.
We also see the seriousness of the destruction and the ruthlessness of the power the
atomic bombs unleashed.

We can move forward by renaming this state holiday in observance of peace &
remembrance.

Reflecting on the past, never forgetting our history and the sacrifices that affected many
thousands of Rhode Islanders and peoples across the globe.

This renaming moves forward in a just & inclusive way.

Peace: tranquility, serenity

A period of time with no war or when war has ended

Let this be a reminder of the atrocities & losses

Remembrance:

Reflection, to not forget

In Honor the members of the armed forces & those that died & the sacrifices of many

An Honorable Day Commemoration: Peace and Remembrance Day

(no more misrepresentation or misuse as in "V-J Day" which it was never, but seems to
some how stuck.)

In closing

Peace for all folx on earth.

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widow of veteran

sister of veterans

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friend of veterans

"One thing that has changed about Victory Day: the conflict it recalls is no longer in living memory for the vast majority of Rhode Islanders. Japan's surrender is now 76 years in the past – exactly as far from today as the attack on Pearl Harbor was from the end of the Civil War."

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