

House Bill No. 7781

In order for American citizens to always remember the sacrifices made by those who served in and, particularly, those who never came back from, World War II, I implore you and your fellow representatives not to even consider this bill that would make an unnecessary change to the name of Victory Day.

As a veteran, and during my time on active duty, I have heard first hand many stories from men and women who served in both the European and Pacific theaters in WW II, it hurts me to think that, at some point, what they endured might be forgotten. Use the day to educate Americans in order for them to understand the meaning of the day and to further understand Thomas Jefferson's lesson that "freedom is not free."

The name of this holiday, unique to the state of Rhode Island, should remain as Victory Day. If others think it appropriate, I would not object to adding "a day of honoring, remembering and celebrating peace" to the name.

Thanks for your consideration of my thoughts.

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