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R E S O L U T I O N

By the California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus: The Honorable Judy Chu, Ph.D., Co-Chair; the Honorable Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D., Co-Chair; the Honorable Wilma Chan, 16th Assembly District; the Honorable Carol Liu, 44th Assembly District; and the Honorable Alberto Torrico, 20th Assembly District; Relative to

VJ Day, World War II

**WHEREAS**, On December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy, the United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, resulting in the loss of over 2,400 American lives; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States joined with allies from 32 countries to fight the common foe of fascist militarism in a war in which over 16,000,000 Americans served in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, The United States suffered over 670,000 casualties, with more than 400,000 deaths, while over 105,000 Americans were held as prisoners of war, many of whom were forced to participate in the infamous Bataan Death March or were forced to work as slave laborers; and

**WHEREAS**, Countless millions died in places such as Hawaii, Guam, the Coral Sea, Midway, the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, Nanjing, Harbin, Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, Bataan, Corregidor, Manila, Luzon, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, New Guinea, Korea, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tokyo, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki; and

**WHEREAS**, August 15, 2005, marks the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, VJ Day commemorates the beginning of a new era of friendship between the United States and Japan; and

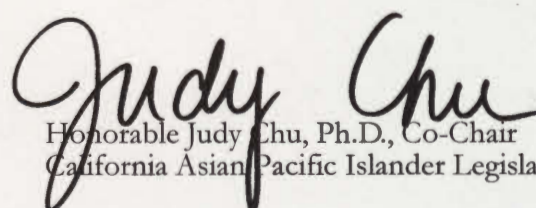
**WHEREAS**, The desire for peace after World War II led to the signing of the United Nations Charter on June 16, 1945, in San Francisco; and

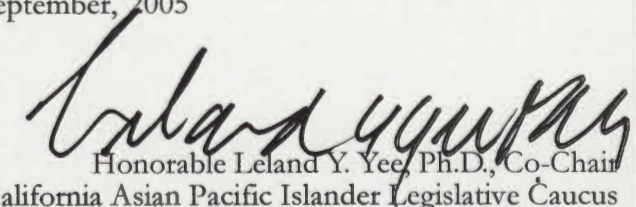
**WHEREAS**, The events leading to and immediately following the end of World War II have been instrumental in promoting widespread freedom and democracy throughout the world; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**, That they do hereby acknowledge the 60th Anniversary of VJ Day and its legacy of peace and unity for the world community and encourage all Californians to take special notice of this important day in history.

Members Resolution No. 2411

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2005

  
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