

Columbus City Council finds it appropriate and important that on the sixtieth anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, June 6, 1944, we remember the sacrifice and achievement of Columbus veterans who participated in that event; to remind ourselves and to pass on to Columbus children and all people the lessons of the value of freedom.



WHEREAS, on June 6, 1944, America and her Allies embarked on the greatest campaign of liberation in human history, storming the beaches of Normandy in Operation Overlord in defense of liberty and to free Europe from cruel tyranny; and,

WHEREAS, by day's end over 150,000 American, British, Canadian, and French troops had entered France by air and sea, at a cost of nearly 5,000 casualties; and,

WHEREAS, their courage, dedication, and sacrifice are lessons as valuable today as they were sixty years ago; and,

WHEREAS, a fifteen-year old Jewish girl, hiding in an Amsterdam attic, understood the promise of America and captured in simple, yet telling words in a diary the relief felt by oppressed people everywhere: "I have the feeling that friends are on the way;" and,

WHEREAS, it is our duty today to remember the names and what they stand for - Utah and Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc, St. Mere E'glise - and to pass those memories down to our children and unto future generations for all time, both in America and throughout the World Community; Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council commemorates, honors, and thanks the men and women who participated in, and supported, the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, and to recognize their great contribution to human freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Darrell W. Baker, Robert S. Mauck, William C. Smith, James Bashore, Tim Whitesel, Kenneth S. Worrall and Monsignor Clement F. Faistl.

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