Wayne County Commission resolution honors 75th anniversary of D-Day

Wayne County Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution June 6 honoring those who took part in the D-Day landings, which began the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi domination during World War II.

Troops from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain and other nations, all under command of U.S. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, took part in what was the largest military operation ever staged.

“Thousands of Allied troops displayed extreme valor and the strength of mind to carry on in spite of grave danger when landing on the shores of Normandy, France,” reads the resolution sponsored by Commissioner Melissa Daub (D-Canton Township).

More than 150,000 Allied troops took part in the landing, fighting along five beaches in a heavily fortified 50-mile stretch of the French coastline.
Honoring
D-DAY
JUNE 6, 1944
75th Anniversary of turning point in fight for freedom

WHEREAS, It is with great honor that we, the members of the Wayne County Commission, recognize the 75th anniversary of D-DAY, June 6, 1944, the turning point in the free world’s fight to preserve freedom, as thousands of Allied troops displayed extreme valor and the strength of mind to carry on in spite of grave danger when landing on the shores of Normandy, France; and

WHEREAS, Allied forces, representing 12 countries and led by the United States, Great Britain and Canada launched a combined D-DAY naval, air and land assault on Nazi-occupied France that marked a long and costly campaign to liberate northwest Europe from German occupation; and

WHEREAS, In January 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed commander of Operation Overload, and in the weeks before the D-DAY assault known as Operation Neptune, carried out a massive deception operation intended to make the Germans believe other locations were potential invasion targets and laying the foundation for the liberation of German-occupied France and the forthcoming Allied victory on the Western Front; and

WHEREAS, Loss of life was extreme during the D-DAY invasion which resulted in 2,499 brave American soldiers losing their lives and another 1,915 fatalities representing other Allied countries, as well as the Battle of Normandy which ended on June 30, 1944, and had more than 425,000 Allied and German troops killed, wounded or missing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Wayne County Commission salutes the bravery and the heroic efforts of the more than two million Allied soldiers who launched the watershed operation known as D-DAY on June 6, 1944, that helped liberate Europe and defeat Nazi-Germany; and, it is further

RESOLVED, On this 6th day of June 2019 that this resolution be spread at length upon the journal of this day’s proceedings of the Wayne County Commission to endure as a lasting record of our respect and admiration for the levels of heroism displayed during this turning point in the history of the world.