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House Committee on Special Legislation
The State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Bill H 7326, introduced Jan 26, 2024

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the proposed replacement of "Victory Day," the name of the Rhode Island holiday observed on the second Monday of August, with the title "Peace and Remembrance Day."

I support the change because to me the holiday has always felt like a celebration of the use of atomic weapons and the horrors that they caused. It is an insult to the lives lost and to the sacrifice of our veterans to memorialize the violence of victory over the peace and friendship that now exists between Japan and the United States. I want to see the name change because I wish to prioritize that peace over that violence.

Sincerely,

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