

Supporting Bill H 7326, introduced January 26, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I write 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.”

The name “Victory Day” has always seemed to be an absurd relic to me, profoundly disrespectful to JapaneseAmerican Rhode Islanders whose families may have even been incarcerated during WWII, and generally exclusionary to all Asian Americans in our state.

I can’t wait to celebrate this holiday in a way that acknowledges the complexity of our history and honors all Rhode Islanders!

Thank you for making this powerful change.

Best,

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