

1 **H. B. 2203**

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3 (By Delegate Sumner)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the

5 Committee on Government Organization.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia,

11 1931, as amended, relating to special memorial days; and

12 adding a special memorial day to celebrate the victory of

13 democracy in the Cold War.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,

16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

17 **ARTICLE 2. LEGAL HOLIDAYS; SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAYS; CONSTRUCTION OF**

18 **STATUTES; DEFINITIONS.**

19 **§2-2-1a. Special memorial days.**

20 (a) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare the week

21 beginning with the Sunday before Thanksgiving as a special memorial

22 week to be known as Native American Indian Heritage Week.

23 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday of November is

24 designated Susan B. Anthony Day and shall only be a legal holiday

25 in all years ending in an even number. The Governor shall annually

26 issue a proclamation calling on all schools, civic organizations,

1 government departments and citizens to undertake activities on the
2 designated day and surrounding days to pay tribute to the
3 accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony in securing the civil and
4 political rights of all Americans, including securing equal voting
5 rights for women.

6 (c) The Governor shall, by proclamation, declare December 7 as
7 a special memorial day, to be known as Pearl Harbor Day, honoring
8 all West Virginians who fought in World War II and shall encourage
9 all municipalities in the state to do the same.

10 (d) The Governor shall annually, by proclamation, recognize
11 the services rendered by Americans in the long and costly struggle
12 of the Cold War, from the end of World War II to the fall of the
13 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, by designating May 1 as Cold
14 War Victory Day. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation
15 urging citizens, businesses and organizations to observe the day
16 with appropriate activity to celebrate democracy's victory.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add language to West Virginia Code §2-2-1a to provide for an additional special memorial day to celebrate the victory of democracy in the Cold War.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.