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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

This year, D-Day the sixth of June will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Normandy. In one of the greatest acts of heroism in human history, tens of thousands of courageous young soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy from the land, air and sea. Their unimaginable valor and sacrifice were a turning of the tide in the fight against fascism – launching the Allied Forces toward absolute victory and earning the everlasting gratitude of all freedom-loving people.

In years past, bipartisan Congressional delegations have embraced the solemn opportunity to commemorate this historic day by traveling to Normandy and giving thanks to the veterans who fought there in defense of democracy. To that end, I am writing to request that the House appropriately observe D-Day by changing the Congressional calendar to provide the opportunity to travel to Normandy for this special observance for as many as Members possible.

D-Day will forever serve as a vivid reminder of the cost of freedom and the blessing of peace. Americans take great pride in our Nation's history in fighting for our freedom and democracy in the world. Allowing for the continued tradition of the Congress appropriately commemorating D-Day will be a tremendous statement of our commitment to this mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi".

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