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Gentlemen and women in relation to H.R. 2070.

My name is George A. Fowler of Coolville, Ohio. I have been asked to give testimony to a cause that recently came to my attention.

On June 6th, 1944, prior to D-Day, our President Franklin Roosevelt desired to have a national day of prayer for the upcoming undertaking.

I feel, with no doubt, that it would be appropriate that this prayer be inscribed in some manner at the World War II Memorial.

Those reading this prayer will be able to recall the sacrifices made by our military, also those on the home front. This prayer came at a perilous time, yet it was answered in victory at a dear cost of lives.

Today, this prayer can pertain to any military action. Under present circumstances, it is also appropriate.

I feel this prayer also pertained to other military operations at that time.

On June 6, 1944, the marvelous campaign was underway. I had the privilege to participate as a radio-gunner on the dive bomber from the carrier Essex – air group 15. It was only by the Grace of God that I returned to my family.

Also, those reading this prayer may look at our great nation and ask what I may do to keep this freedom alive and also remembering loved ones.

May God bless all in making this decision. Thank you for your time.

I remain your servant.