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on commemorations of the 60th anniversary of the Normandy landings

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. noting that 6 June 2004 will mark the 60th anniversary of the Normandy landings during the Second World War,
 - B. recognising the huge sacrifice made by soldiers at that time and throughout the whole war,
 - C. recognising the significance of the D-Day landings as the beginning of the allied forces' liberating Europe and therefore an important date in the history of all EU Member States,
 - D. recognising that next year will mark the last major anniversary of the landings for many war veterans,
1. Calls on the governments in the Member States to begin preparations now in order that this extremely important and historic event is commemorated appropriately on its sixtieth anniversary next year;
 2. Calls on the President of the European Parliament to forward this Declaration to the Heads of Government of the European Union.