

1 the loss of income and disruption of careers, and psychological
2 trauma of having been innocent victims imprisoned for three and
3 a half years; and

4 WHEREAS, Japanese Americans volunteered from within barbed
5 wire camps to join the armed forces and demonstrated exemplary
6 heroism, courage, and patriotic loyalty as evidenced by the fact
7 the one unit became the most highly decorated unit in World War
8 II for its size and length of service; and

9 WHEREAS, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and
10 Internment of Civilians established on July 31, 1980, conducted
11 an inquiry and reported its findings on February 24, 1983, that
12 the internment camps for Japanese Americans were unnecessary and
13 unjustified; NOW, THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota
15 that it commends the Commission on Wartime Relocation and
16 Internment of Civilians its official investigation of the event
17 leading to the issuance of Executive Order 9066 and its
18 consequence upon American citizens and permanent legal residents
19 of Japanese ancestry.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it urges the Commission on
21 Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to recommend to
22 Congress of the United States, that an adequate form of monetary
23 redress be awarded to those individuals who suffered the
24 injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions
25 in 1942.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is
27 directed to prepare a certified copy of this memorial and
28 present it to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and
29 Internment of Civilians, the President and Secretary of the
30 United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United
31 States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and
32 Representatives in Congress.