

R E S O L U T I O N

- WHEREAS; IN 1942, PRESIDENTIAL ORDER #9066 CAUSED APPROXIMATELY 120,000 PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE UNITED STATES CITIZENS, TO BE FORCIBLY EVICTED FROM THE WEST COAST STATES, AND
- WHEREAS; WITHOUT TRIALS OR HEARINGS IN TOTAL VIOLATION OF THE PROTECTION GUARANTEED BY THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, WERE INCARCERATED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS WITH ARMED GUARDS, AND
- WHEREAS; WHEN THESE JAPANESE AMERICANS WERE EVICTED FROM THEIR HOMES AND PLACED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, SEVEN OF THE TEN ARTICLES OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS WERE ARBITRARILY SUSPENDED AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, AN ENTIRE GROUP OF LOYAL AMERICANS WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AND
- WHEREAS; IN ADDITION TO THE \$400 MILLION IN PROPERTY LOSSES ESTIMATED BY THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO IN 1942, THERE WERE OTHER IMMENSURABLE DAMAGES TO BE CONSIDERED SUCH AS THE LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, LOSS OF INCOME AND DISRUPTION OF CAREERS, THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA OF HAVING BEEN INNOCENT VICTIMS IMPRISONED FOR THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS, AND
- WHEREAS; WHILE THE ISSEI (PARENTS OR 1st GENERATION) WERE INCARCERATED IN THESE CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THE NISEI (2nd GENERATION) VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN OUR WAR WITH JAPAN, AND
- WHEREAS; IT HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE TOP MILITARY OFFICIALS THAT THE NISEI SERVING IN THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HELPED TO SHORTEN THE WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN AND THUS SAVED THOUSANDS OF LIVES OF AMERICAN COMBAT TROOPS, AND
- WHEREAS; THE NISEI, SERVING IN THE 100th BATTALION AND THE 442nd RECON TROOPS, CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF GEN. MARK CLARK'S LANDING ON THE EUROPEAN FRONT AND IN SO DOING, BECAME THE HIGHEST DECORATED UNITS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, AND
- WHEREAS; TODAY, AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY SEEK REMEDIAL LEGISLATION AS MEANS OF PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THEREFORE
- BE IT RESOLVED; THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION SUPPORT THE SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SEEKING THE ENACTMENT OF S1647 AND HR 5499 WHICH SEEKS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONGRESSIONAL FACT FINDING COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE EVENTS OF 1942, AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER REMEDIES SHOULD BE MADE, AND
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE CONSIDERED BY ALL ECHELONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION INCLUDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, BEING HELD IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AUGUST 24-28, 1980, AND IF FAVORABLY CONSIDERED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SHEET #2 R E S O L U T I O N

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF ARMOUR POST #266, THE AMERICAN LEGION AT ITS' REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 1980 AT RAINBOW GARDENS, 1425 W. 51st. STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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