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Senate Joint Resolution No. 24—Relative to persons of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II.

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SJR 24, as introduced, Dills. Persons of Japanese ancestry interned during World War II: Civil Liberties Act of 1985.

This measure would urge the Congress of the United States to enact those portions of the proposed Civil Liberties Act of 1985 which relate to the redress of the grievances of American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who were interned in the United States during World War II.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, A grave injustice was done to both United
2 States citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry by
3 the evacuation, relocation, and internment of those
4 persons during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, The basic civil liberties and constitutional
6 rights of the civilians of Japanese ancestry who were

1 interned in the United States during World War II were
2 fundamentally violated by that evacuation and
3 internment; and

4 WHEREAS, The findings of the federal Commission on
5 Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians describe
6 the circumstances of the evacuation, relocation, and
7 internment of 110,000 United States citizens and
8 permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry; and

9 WHEREAS, H.R. 442, which would enact the Civil
10 Liberties Act of 1985 and implement the
11 recommendations of the Commission on Wartime
12 Relocation and Internment of Civilians, was introduced
13 on January 3, 1985 in the House of Representatives of the
14 United States; now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of*
16 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of
17 California urges the Congress of the United States to
18 enact those portions of H.R. 442 of the 99th Congress
19 which relate to the redress of the injustice done to United
20 States citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry
21 who were interned in the United States during World
22 War II; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit
24 copies of this resolution to the President and Vice
25 President of the United States, the Speaker of the House
26 of Representatives, and to each Senator and
27 Representative from California in the Congress of the
28 United States.

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