

1	HOUSE RESOLUTION 28	10
2	WHEREAS, During World War II, Japanese-Americans were the	15
3	victims of intense racial discrimination; and	16
4	WHEREAS, Wartime hysteria led to the unfounded assumption	18
5	that Japanese-Americans were not "loyal" to the U.S.	19
6	Government; and	
7	WHEREAS, Executive Order 9066, issued in 1942, authorized	21
8	the military removal and detention of over 120,000	22
9	Japanese-Americans to west coast internment camps; and	23
10	WHEREAS, Japanese-Americans were robbed of their homes	25
11	and businesses, receiving little or no compensation for their	26
12	hard-earned investments; and	
13	WHEREAS, Overcrowded conditions in the internment camps	28
14	created health and sanitation hazards which often led to	29
15	disease, and even death; and	30
16	WHEREAS, No action was taken by the United States	32
17	government against Caucasian-Americans whose countries of	33
18	ancestry were also at war with the United States; and	34
19	WHEREAS, Japanese-Americans were never accused, tried, or	36
20	convicted of any crime, and lost their liberty and property	37
21	without due process of law; and	38
22	WHEREAS, Such constitutional violations must never again	40
23	be committed by the U. S. Government against its own	41
24	citizens; and	
25	WHEREAS, The Commission on Wartime Relocation and	43
26	Internment of Civilians is currently investigating forms of	44
27	redress to those interned in these camps; and	45
28	WHEREAS, There are many outstanding Japanese-Americans	47
29	who are residents of Illinois and have greatly contributed to	48
30	our State; and	

1 WHEREAS, while the loss of personal freedom and human 50
2 dignity can never be measured in monetary terms, the U.S. 51
3 Government must still make amends for its shameful act of 52
4 racial injustice; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 54
6 EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that 55
7 the U.S. Congress is urged to enact legislation compensating 56
8 Japanese-American internment victims for financial losses 57
9 caused by wartime internment; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the State of Illinois condemn such acts of 59
11 government tyranny against any group of Americans, whether it 60
12 be because of their race, religion, or national ancestry; and 61
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this preamble and 63
15 resolution be sent to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the 64
16 United States House of Representatives and to the President 65
17 pro tempore and Minority Leader of the United States Senate. 66