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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 341-84

On the motion of Supervisor Forbus  
duly seconded by Supervisor Cucchiara  
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING H.R. 4110 AND S. 2116

WHEREAS, from 1942-46, 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were forcibly excluded from the West Coast of the United States by military fiat, incarcerated and confined behind barbed wire fences under armed military guard, without charges or hearings, and were deprived of basic human rights by orders of the United States government; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC), after two and a half years of study and research, issued its report on February 24, 1984 that the exclusion and detention of Japanese Americans was not a matter of military necessity but was caused by racism, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership; and

WHEREAS, the same U.S. Commission (CWRIC) issued its recommendations on June 16, 1983 that the United States should enact a joint resolution, signed by the President, acknowledging a grave injustice was done to a group of people on the basis of ancestry and offering official apologies, that the United States Congress should establish a commemorative trust fund for humanitarian and educational purposes, and that a sum of \$20,000 be awarded to survivors of such experiences as a symbol of this nation's regret that such unjust events occurred and as a token of honorable efforts to acknowledge such wrong to the end that similar aberrations of justice shall never recur; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Japanese ancestry, through the leadership of the Japanese American Citizens League, seek the implementation of legislation based on the recommendations of the U.S. CWRIC as a means of promoting human rights and upholding the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1983, H.R. 4110, the Civil Liberties Act of 1983, was introduced in the House of Representatives and on November 17, 1983 S. 2116, a Bill to accept the findings and implement the recommendations of the CWRIC, was introduced in the United States Senate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby endorses the findings and recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and urges the Congress of the United States to enact H.R. 4110 and S. 2116 in order to effectuate and carry out those recommendations to preserve and rectify the honor and integrity of this nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 26th day of June, 1984, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS FORBUS, PATTON, MOORE, CUCCHIARA, LEVY  
NOES: SUPERVISORS NONE  
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS NONE

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**ROBLEY LEVY**

Chairman of said Board

ATTEST: STEPHEN M. QUONG  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

Dwight Y. Hew  
County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: County Counsel  
Congressman Panetta  
Congressman Zschau  
Senator Cranston  
Senator Wilson  
Japanese American Citizens League

CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY CLERK  
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, California, as the same appears in the minutes of the said Board, and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Board on July 12, 1984  
GEORGE Y. NEWELL, County  
Administrative Clerk  
By Jen Riley Deputy