

SACRAMENTO JACL

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**SALUTE
TO
BOB MATSUI**



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To Jim -
Best wishes
Barbara Heatsen



HONORABLE ROBERT T. MATSUI
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Congressman Robert T. Matsui was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1978, and after ten years, he has firmly established himself as a major policymaker in Congress.

Since 1981, Congressman Matsui has served on the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over all tax policy, international trade, social security, welfare policy and health care.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Matsui has become known as a legislator who takes a substantive and carefully thought out approach to public policy. His columns have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and many other national publications.

As a member of the Trade Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Matsui is the only California Democratic member of Congress with direct legislative jurisdiction over international trade.

Congressman Matsui has taken advantage of his position on the Ways and Means Committee to pass legislation on trade issues, including high technology and agricultural trade, welfare reform, telecommunications issues, health care issues, tax issues and issues concerning the semiconductor and high technology industries.

His dedicated and tireless efforts in the passage of Japanese American redress legislation have been well documented. From the early days of this campaign for justice to the historic White House signing ceremony, Congressman Matsui provided the ingredients of leadership and commitment that were essential for success. He will continue that leadership role as the Congress now turns its attention to the funding process for compensation.

Congressman Matsui has been appointed Whip-At-Large and was recently elected to the Steering and Policy Committee, the leadership committee that selects committee assignments and develops policy and legislative strategy for the House of Representatives.

He is a member of the American Enterprise Institute, one of the most respected think tanks in Washington, and serves on its advisory council on fiscal policy along with leading economists. He is also a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations which publishes *Foreign Affairs*.

Congressman Matsui serves as a Congressional Liaison to the National Finance Council of the Democratic National Committee and as the Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's Professional Business Forum.

Among his many local and national distinctions in 1988, he was awarded the Small Business Council's "Congressional Award" and the Child Welfare League of America's "Congressional Advocate of the Year." This spring, Congressman Matsui was the recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Lifetime Achievement Award and was named the Democratic Legislator of the Year by the Edmond G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs.

Bob's roots are firmly planted in Sacramento. Born on September 17, 1941 to Yasuji and Alice (Nagata) Matsui, he attended Sacramento's William Land Elementary School, California Junior High School and C.K. McClatchy High School. While at McClatchy, he was elected class treasurer and vice-president.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, in 1963, Bob earned his law degree at Hastings College of Law in 1966. In recognition of outstanding achievement in property law, he was awarded the Bancroft-Whitney Achievement Award and was also the recipient of the Arthur Newhouse Scholarship.

While at Berkeley, Bob met Doris Okada. They married in 1966 and made their home in Sacramento. Bob and Doris have one son, 17-year-old Brian.

Bob was admitted to the California State Bar and founded his own law practice in Sacramento in 1967. In 1971, he was elected to the Sacramento City Council, where he served with distinction as a member and chair of many important committees. After his reelection in 1975, he became vice-mayor of the city in 1977.

While serving as a city councilman, Bob was an active member of the California Democratic Central Committee from 1973-1978 and was involved in the reelection campaigns for Congressman John E. Moss from 1972 through 1976. In 1978, Bob was elected to Congress for the first time, and he has been reelected by wide margins ever since.

Throughout his adult life, Bob Matsui has been an active participant and leader in many community and public service organizations. At UC Berkeley, he was both vice-president and president of the Nisei Student Club. In Sacramento, he was actively involved with the JACL and held positions of secretary, delegate to the national convention and chapter president. Under his leadership and guidance, the Sacramento JACL was named the Chapter of the Year in 1969. He served as a member of the JACL National Planning Commission in 1971 and has been actively involved in the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the JACL, the JACL 1000 Club and the Nisei War Memorial Hall.

Coupled with his commitment to the JACL, Bob served in the Active 20-30 service organization and held a variety of leadership positions including a member of the Board Directors, Chairman of the Golden West Invitational Track and Field meet and President.

Bob Matsui has dedicated his time and efforts to enhancing our community through an array of community service organizations. He was an active member of the Sacramento Barristers Club, the Lawyers Referral Service, the Junior Museum, the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Sacramento, the Sacramento Symphony, the Sacramento Safety Council, the Camellia Festival Association, the United Way Campaign and the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs.

With dedication, leadership, and vision, Bob Matsui will continue to serve the people of Sacramento and the State of California well into the 1990s and beyond.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

JACL Chapters: Florin, Marysville, Placer, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton

Asian Bar Association	Parkview Presbyterian Church
Asian Community Center	Tenrikyo Sacramento Church
Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Corp.	Aichi Kenjin Kai
South Sacramento Shinwakai	Bocho Doshikai
Buddhist Church of Florin	Hiroshima Nikkeijin Kai
Buddhist Church of Sacramento	Hokka Kumamoto Kenjin Kai
First Japanese Baptist Church	Kagoshima Kenjin Kai
Japanese United Methodist Church	Kochi Kenjin Kai
Konko Kyokai	Okayama Kenjin Kai
N.C. Koyasan Buddhist Church	Tohokujin Shinwakai
N.C. Nichiren Buddhist Church	Wakayama Kenjin Kai

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DINNER COMMITTEE

Chairman—Lon Hatamiya; Facility and Caterer—Tom Okubo; Community Contacts, Publicity and Printing—Toko Fujii; Reception—Judy Morita, Sue Okubo, Nancy Takahashi, Lisa Tokunaga, Judy Takeuchi-Gee, Henry Taketa and Tom Fujimoto; Table Decorations—Joan Oki; General Arrangements—Mike Iwahiro and Mike Sawamura.

PROGRAM

Opening Remarks	M.C. Lon Hatamiya President Sacramento JACL
Presentation of Colors	VFW Nisei Post 8985
Pledge of Allegiance	VFW Nisei Post 8985
Introduction of Head Table	
Other Introductions	
Invocation	Rev. Gary Barbaree Japanese United Methodist Church
Dinner	
Greetings City of Sacramento County of Sacramento State of California	Vice Mayor Kim Mueller Supervisor Illa Collin Assemblyman Phil Isenberg
Message	Priscilla Ouchida National JACL Vice President of Operations
Message	Jerry Enomoto National Chair LEC/JACL
Message	Yasushi Ito
Response	Hon. Robert T. Matsui
Special Presentation	Mike Iwahiro
Benediction	Rev. Bob Oshita Buddhist Church of Sacramento
Closing Remarks and Announcements	Lon Hatamiya



Signing of Redress Bill, October 1988



Speaking on West Capitol Steps after signing of Redress Bill, October 1, 1988



With Speaker Tip O'Neill, 1978



Bob and Doris during 1978 campaign



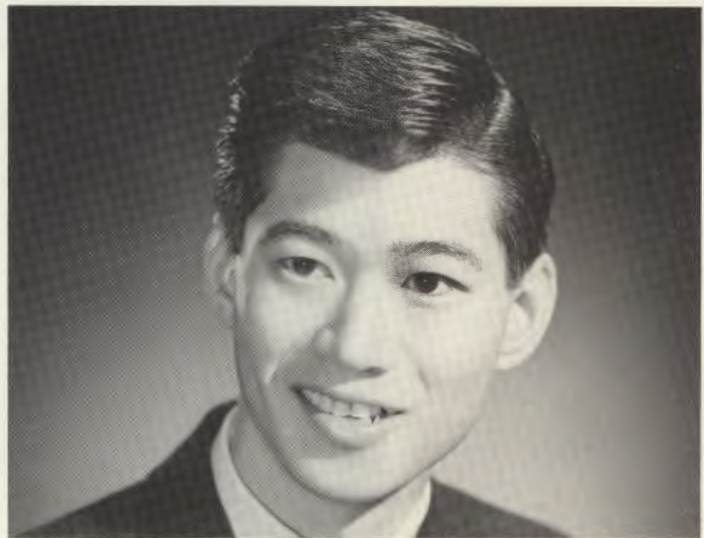
Interview during victory celebration



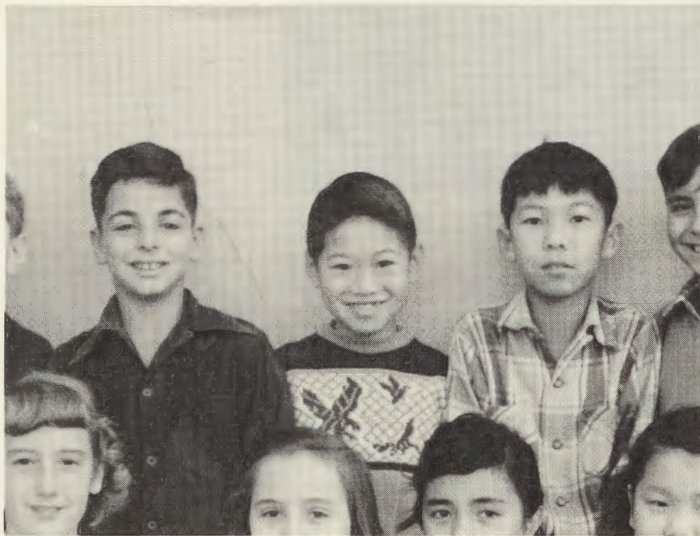
Brian held by President Carter, 1978



Parents Yasuji and Alice Matsui



Portrait taken during college years



Bob (center) 4th grade, William Land School, 1951



Bob at 1½ years of age



BOB, DORIS and BRIAN
FAMILY PORTRAIT 1988