

FILE NO. 011541

1 [US-Japan Peace Treaty.]

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Resolution urging the government of Japan, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US-Japan  
4 Peace Treaty, to apologize for its wartime atrocities and provide just compensation for  
5 the surviving victims of its aggression.

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WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco was the site of the signing of the  
8 US-Japan Peace Treaty in 1951 and this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San  
9 Francisco Peace Treaty; and

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WHEREAS, The San Francisco Peace Treaty has been the foundation for rebuilding  
11 the bilateral and friendly relations between the U.S. and Japan in the postwar era and a  
12 series of international events have been planned for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
13 here in San Francisco; and

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WHEREAS, The Treaty, signed at the height of the Cold War, failed to take full  
15 account of Japan's wartime atrocities in the fourteen Asian countries it invaded and forcefully  
16 occupied in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and in the treatment of American civilian internees  
17 and Prisoners of War of World War II in accordance with international treaties and  
18 conventions; and

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WHEREAS, The Treaty left unresolved substantial issues of human rights violations  
20 committed by the Japanese Imperial Forces in Asia and the Pacific; and

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WHEREAS, The Japanese government, as represented by its Diet (parliament), has  
22 refused to acknowledge its wartime responsibilities, apologize to the victims of its atrocities,  
23 and pay just compensation to the surviving victims and surviving family members of deceased  
24 victims; and

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1           WHEREAS, Several organizations from Asian American communities in the San  
2           Francisco Bay Area, including the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, The  
3           Chinese Holocaust Museum of San Francisco, the "Rape of Nanking" Redress Coalition, the  
4           Alliance for Preserving the Truth of Sino-Japanese War, and the Global Alliance for  
5           Preserving the History of World War II in Asia have formed a Coalition to address World War  
6           II related issues; and

7           WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of the Coalition members are immigrants from  
8           the fourteen countries invaded and exploited by Japan and as such, carry with them the scars  
9           and memories of Japanese occupation of their homelands and the sufferings of themselves  
10          and their relatives; and

11          WHEREAS, the Coalition, as part of its educational mission, is the co-sponsor with the  
12          "Rape of Nanking" Redress Coalition of a series of events in conjunction with and parallel to  
13          the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Peace Treaty, including an important international  
14          conference, "50 Years of Denial: Japan and Its Wartime Responsibilities," to be held at the  
15          Radisson Miyako Hotel in San Francisco, September 6-9, 2001; and

16          WHEREAS, The Chinese Holocaust Museum is devoted to calling pubic attention to  
17          the unfinished chapter of the Asia/Pacific War and WW II, to the persistent denial of Japan's  
18          postwar responsibilities (50 years), and to Japan's failure to make appropriate apologies and  
19          provide just compensation for the victims of its militarism and imperialism; and

20          WHEREAS, the Coalition is to sponsor a music concert at the United Nations Plaza on  
21          September 8, 2001 to mark the Peace Treaty anniversary, titled "Peace, Truth, and Justice,"  
22          to call for a just final closure of World War II issues; and

23          WHEREAS, the Coalition is to sponsor a theater play performed by Japanese actors  
24          on August 31, 2001 and September 1, 2001 to highlight the plight of the victims of the War,  
25          Japanese and Chinese alike; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors calls <sup>upon</sup> the government of the U.S. and Japan to address the legitimate issues raised by the Asian American communities urges respect, understanding and tolerance for all and organizations and ~~urges the Mayor, in his capacity as the host of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Japanese Americans so as not to revisit past injustices suffered by them, festivities, to remind the participating dignitaries and guests of the unresolved issues of the Asian/Pacific War in all his public statements and remarks; and, be it~~

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the government of Japan, through an appropriate legislation of its Diet, to fully acknowledge and apologize for Japan's wartime atrocities and provide just compensation for the surviving victims of its aggression; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco strongly endorses the efforts initiated on behalf of the victims of the Asia/Pacific War by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, The Chinese Holocaust Museum of San Francisco, the "Rape of Nanking: Redress Coalition, the Alliance for Preserving the Truth of Sino-Japanese War, and the Global Alliance for Preserving the History of World War II in Asia, including all their activities aimed at raising international awareness of this important human rights issue.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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August 27, 2001 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Neighborhood Services and Parks Committee

October 22, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

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October 22, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

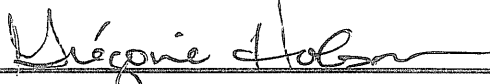
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Sandoval, Yee

Noes: 2 - Hall, Peskin

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on October 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

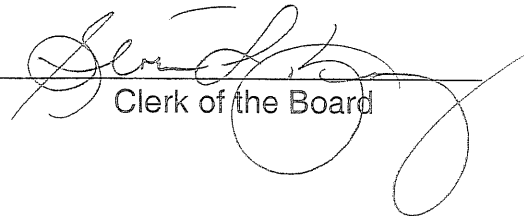
  
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for Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: November 2, 2001

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
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Clerk of the Board

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