

1 [Resolution in support of House of Representatives Bills HR. 1198, H. CON. RES. 195,  
2 United States Senate Bills S. 1154, S. 1272, S. 1302.]

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4 **United States Senate Bills S.1154, S. 1272, S. 1302 on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US-**  
5 **Japan Peace Treaty, to apologize for its wartime atrocities and provide just**  
6 **compensation for the members of the United States Armed forces, World War II**  
7 **Veterans, Prisoners of War, “comfort women”.**  
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10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco was the site of the signing of the  
11 US-Japan Peace Treaty in 1951 and this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San  
12 Francisco Peace Treaty; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The Japanese government, as represented by its Diet (parliament), has  
25 refused to acknowledge its wartime responsibilities, apologize to the victims of its atrocities,

1 and pay just compensation to the surviving victims and surviving family members of deceased  
2 victims; and

3 WHEREAS, In the House of Representatives, Bill H.R. 1198, Justice for United States  
4 Prisoners of War Act of 2001 was introduced to preserve certain actions in Federal Court  
5 brought by members of the United States Armed Forces held as prisoners of war by Japan  
6 during World War II against Japanese nationals seeking compensation for mistreatment or  
7 failure to pay wages in connection with labor performed in Japan to the benefit of the  
8 Japanese nationals, and for other purposes; and

9 WHEREAS, In the House of Representatives, H. CON. RES. 195 expresses the sense  
10 of Congress that the Government of Japan should formally issue a clear and unambiguous  
11 apology for the sexual enslavement of young women during colonial occupation of Asia and  
12 World War II, known to the world as “comfort women”, and for other purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, In the Senate of the United States, S. 1154, Justice for United States  
14 Prisoner of War Act of 2001 seeks to preserve certain actions brought in Federal court  
15 against Japanese defendants by members of the United States Armed Forces held by Japan  
16 as prisoners of war during World War II; and

17 WHEREAS, In the Senate of the United States, S. 1272, POW Assistance Act of 2001,  
18 gives assistance to United States veterans who were treated as slave laborers while held as  
19 prisoners of war by Japan during World War II; and

20 WHEREAS, In the Senate of the United States, S. 1302, seeks to authorize the  
21 payment of a gratuity to members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the United  
22 States who performed slave labor for Japan during World War II, or the surviving spouses of  
23 such members, and for other purposes; and

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1           WHEREAS, The passage of the bills before Congress will take necessary steps in  
2 order to attain justice for the victims of Japan’s aggression during World War II and the Sino-  
3 Japanese War; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors expresses its support of  
5 H.R. 1198, Justice for United States Prisoners of War of 2001, H. CON. RES. 195, S. 1154,  
6 Justice for United States Prisoners of War Act of 2001, S. 1272, POW Assistance Act of  
7 2001, S. 1302 in the United States House Representatives and the United States Senate,  
8 respectively.

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