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[Urging Support for Honoring Chinese American World War II Veterans with a Congressional Gold Medal]

Resolution calling on the United States Congress to award Chinese American World War II Veterans with the Congressional Gold Medal.

WHEREAS, Chinese Americans served on behalf of the United States in every conflict since the American Civil War; and

WHEREAS, More than 13,000 Chinese Americans served in all branches of the Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces by the end of World War II despite the total population of Chinese Americans living in the United States was under 120,000; and

WHEREAS, Chinese American soldiers made significant contributions to the World War II efforts, as they served in all theaters in both combat and support roles, including in New Guinea, Iwo Jima, Philippines, North Africa, Italy, the Normandy D-Day Invasion, and the Battle of the Budge; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 25% of enlisted Chinese Americans served in the U.S. Army Air Force and many were assigned to the 14th Air Service Group, which was composed of primarily Chinese Americans based in the China-Burma-India theater providing effective communications, supply, transportation, and technical support to advance war efforts; and

WHEREAS, Despite the valor, patriotism, and bravery exhibited by Chinese

Americans, they faced blatant institutional racism and prejudice at home especially as The

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 continued to restrict Chinese immigration to the United States;

and

WHEREAS, Approximately 40% of Chinese American soldiers were not native born citizens of the United States and were unable to naturalize until after 1943 when the Chinese Exclusion Act was finally repealed; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2017, United States House of Representatives Bill (H.R.) 2358 and Senate Bill (S.) 1050, "The Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act", on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180627, which are hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein, were introduced in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Chinese American Veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Other historically overlooked military units, such as Filipino World War II veterans, Navajo Code Talkers, Monument Men have been already honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the recognition of all service members, particularly those marginalized by history, and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Gold Medal would serve as a symbol of gratitude for our country's indebtedness for the selfless sacrifices made in the face of enormous adversity; and

WHEREAS, The timing of the passage of the Congressional bills are crucial as many Chinese American World War II veterans are no longer alive to see this recognition and both Congressional bills have been stalled at their respective Committees; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States Congress to expeditiously pass the bills to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Chinese American veterans who served in World War II; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to the members of the United States House of Representatives from the San Francisco Bay Area and the United States Senators from California with a request to take all necessary actions to achieve the objectives of this resolution.



115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H.R. 2358

To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

#### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### May 4, 2017

Mr. Royce of California (for himself, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Mr. Abraham, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. Chabot, Ms. Judy Chu of California, Mrs. Radewagen, Mr. Fleischmann, Ms. Gabbard, Mr. Al. Green of Texas, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Issa, Mr. Kinzinger, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lowenthal, Ms. Meng, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Rohrabacher, Ms. Velázquez, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Mini Walters of California, and Mr. Wilson of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

## A BILL

- To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.
  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
  - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
  - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Chinese American
  - 5 World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

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- 2 Congress finds the following:
- (1) Chinese Americans served the United States
  in every conflict since the Civil War, and distinguished themselves in World War II, serving in
  every theater of battle and every branch of service,
  earning citations for their heroism and honorable
  service, up to and including the Congressional Medal
  of Honor.
  - (2) Chinese nationals and Chinese Americans faced institutional discrimination in the United States since before World War Π, limiting the size of their population and their ability to build thriving communities in America.
  - (3) The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first Federal law that broadly restricted immigration and a specific nationality, making it illegal for Chinese laborers to immigrate to the United States, and limiting the Chinese population in America for over sixty years.
  - (4) Major court decisions such as the decisions in Lum v. Rice and People v. Hall found "yellow" races to be equal to African Americans with regard to "separate but equal" school facilities, and prohibited Chinese Americans, along with "Black, mulatto,

- or Indian" persons, from testifying against White men.
  - (5) Chinese Americans were harassed, beaten, and murdered because of their ethnicity. The worst instances include the Chinese Massacre of 1871, where 17 Chinese immigrants in Los Angeles, California, were tortured and murdered; the Rock Spring Massacre of 1885 where White rioters killed 28 Chinese miners and burned 75 of their homes in Rock Springs, Wyoming; and the Hells Canyon Massacre of 1887 where 34 Chinese goldminers were ambushed and murdered in Hells Canyon, Oregon.
  - (6) There were only 78,000 Chinese Americans living on the United States mainland, with 29,000 living in Hawaii, at the start of World War II as a result of Federal and State legislation and judicial decisions.
  - (7) Despite the anti-Chinese discrimination at the time, as many as 20,000 Chinese Americans served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. Approximately forty percent (40 percent) of those who served were not United States citizens due to the laws that denied U.S. citizenship for persons of Chinese descent.

1	(8) Chinese Americans, although small in num-
2	bers, made important contributions to the World
3	War II effort.
4	(9) Of the total Chinese Americans serving, ap-
5	proximately 25 percent served in the U.S. Army Air
6	Force/Corps, with some sent to the China-Burma-
7	India (CBI) theater with the 14th Air Service
8	Group.
9	(10) The remainder served in all branches of
10 -	the U.S. Armed Forces in all four theaters of war.
11	(11) The first all Chinese-American group was
12	the 14th Air Service Group, 859th Signal Corps in
13	the CBI theater which enabled extensive and effec-
14	tive operations against the Japanese military in
15	China.
16	(12) Chinese Americans are widely acknowl-
17	edged for their role in the Army's 14th Air Force,
18	23rd Fighter Group, widely known as the Flying Ti-
19	gers.
20	(13) The Flying Tigers eventually established
21	American air superiority in China and supported
22	cargo flights from India to China over "The Hump".
23	(14) Chinese Americans assigned to the CBI
24	theater made transoceanic journeys through hostile

- territories, and were subject to enemy attack while at sea and in the air.
  - (15) In the Pacific Theater, Chinese Americans were in ground, air, and ocean combat and support roles throughout the Pacific including New Guinea, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Philippines, Marianas, and Aleutian Islands.
    - (16) Throughout the Pacific and CBI theaters, they performed vital functions in translating; coordinating National Chinese and American combat operations; servicing and repairing aircraft and armaments; training National Chinese troops and sailors; delivering medical care; providing signal and communication support; gathering and analyzing intelligence; participating in ground and air combat; and securing and delivering supplies.
    - (17) Chinese Americans also served in combat and support roles in the European and African theaters, serving in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, the Normandy D-Day invasion which liberated Western Europe, and the Battle of the Bulge, occupying Western Germany while helping to liberate Central Europe.
    - (18) Chinese Americans flew bomber missions, served in infantry units and combat ships in the

- Battle of the Atlantic, including aboard Merchant 1 2 Marines convoys vulnerable to submarine and air at-3 tacks.
  - (19) Chinese-American women left traditional domestic duties for patriotic service, serving as translators who interpreted Japanese documents containing military plans.
- (20) Many Chinese-American women served in the Women's Army Corps (WACs), the Army Air Force, and the United States Naval Reserve Women's Reserve (WAVES), and some became pilots, air 12 traffic controllers, flight trainers, weather fore-13 casters, occupational therapists, and nurses.
  - (21) Captain Francis B. Wai is the only Chinese American serving in World War II to have been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award given by our Nation. His posthumous Distinguished Service Medal, awarded in 1944 was upgraded in 2000 to a Congressional Medal of Honor.
  - (22) Chinese Americans also earned Combat Infantry Badges, Purple Hearts, Bronze Stars, Silver Stars, Distinguished Service Medals and Distinguished Flying Medals. Units with Chinese Ameri-

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3	(23) The United States remains forever in-
4	debted to the bravery, valor, and dedication that the
5.	Chinese American Veterans of World War II dis-
6	played. Their commitment and sacrifice dem-
7	onstrates a highly uncommon and commendable
8	sense of patriotism and honor in the face of dis-
9	crimination.
0	SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.
1	In this Act—
12	(1) the term "Chinese American Veterans or
13	World II" includes individuals of Chinese ancestry
14	who served—
15	(A) honorably at any time during the pe
16	riod December 7, 1941, and ending December
17	31, 1946; and
18	(B) in an active duty status under the
19	command of the United States Armed Forces
20	and
21	(2) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary
22	of the Treasury.
23	SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.
24	(a) AWARD AUTHORIZED.—The President pro tem
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- 1 resentatives shall make appropriate arrangements for the
- 2 award, on behalf of Congress, of a single gold medal of
- 3 appropriate design to the Chinese American Veterans of
- 4 World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service
- 5 during World War II.
- 6 (b) Design and Striking.—For the purposes of the
- 7 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
- 8 strike the gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and
- 9 inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.
- 10 (c) Smithsonian Institute.—
- 11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following the award of the
- gold medal in honor of the Chinese American Vet-
- erans of World War II, the gold medal shall be given
- 14 to the Smithsonian Institution, where it shall be
- available for display as appropriate and made avail-
- able for research.
- 17 (2) Sense of congress.—It is the sense of
- 18 Congress that the Smithsonian Institution should
- make the gold medal received under paragraph (1)
- 20 available for display elsewhere, particularly at other
- 21 locations associated with the Chinese American Vet-
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- 23 (d) Duplicate Medals.—Under regulations that
- 24 the Secretary may promulgate, the Secretary may strike
- 25 and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck

- 1 under this Act, at a price sufficient to cover the cost of
- 2 the medals, including labor, materials, dies, use of machin-
- 3 ery, and overhead expenses.
- 4 SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDAL.
- 5 (a) NATIONAL MEDAL.—The gold medal struck
- 6 under this Act shall be a national medal for the purposes
- 7 of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.
- 8 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section
- 9 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck
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115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## S. 1050

To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Chinese-American Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

#### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 4, 2017

Ms. Duckworth (for herself and Mr. Cochran) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## A BILL

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  - (2) Chinese nationals and Chinese Americans faced institutional discrimination in the United States since before World War II, limiting the size of their population and their ability to build thriving communities in the United States;
  - (3) the Act of May 5, 1892 (27 Stat. 25, chapter 60) (commonly known as the "Geary Act" or the "Chinese Exclusion Act"), was the first Federal law that broadly restricted immigration and a specific nationality, making it illegal for Chinese laborers to immigrate to the United States and limiting the Chinese population in the United States for over 60 years;
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## Member, Board of Supervisors District 7



#### City and County of San Francisco

#### **NORMAN YEE**

DATE:

6/5/2018

TO:

Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Jen Low, Legislative Aide

Supervisor Norman Yee

RE:

Resolution - Support Honoring Chinese American World War II Veterans with a

Congressional Gold Medal

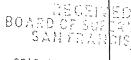
Dear Madam Clerk,

Supervisor Norman Yee is introducing **Resolution - Support Honoring Chinese American World War II Veterans with a Congressional Gold Medal**, which calls upon Congress to support bills H.R. 2358 and S. 1050.

Per Board Rule 2.8.2., I am writing to confirm that the California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities, and the National League of Cities have not taken positions on pending bills H.R. 2358 or S.1050 at the time of introduction.

Print Form

## **Introduction Form**



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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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