

1 [Supporting Federal Legislation]

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3 **Resolution expressing support for House Resolution 1492, federal legislation to**
4 **provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese**
5 **Americans were detained during World War II.**
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7 WHEREAS, In the wake of the attacks against Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, the
8 United States was gripped by war hysteria, particularly in areas along the Pacific coastline in
9 the American West; and,

10 WHEREAS, At that time, certain leaders in California, Oregon, and Washington,
11 demanded that the residents of Japanese ancestry be removed from their homes along the
12 coast and relocated in isolated inland areas; and,

13 WHEREAS, As a result of this pressure, on February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt
14 signed Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the forcible internment of 120,000 people of
15 Japanese ancestry, over two-thirds of whom were citizens of the United States of America;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, As a result of Executive Order 9066, numerous internment camp sites
18 were founded, including those known as Gila River, Granada, Heart Mountain, Jerome,
19 Manzanar, Minidoka, Poston, Rohwer, Topaz, and Tule Lake; and,

20 WHEREAS, In recent years, numerous individuals have worked to preserve these sites
21 as an important reminder of our nation's history; and,

22 WHEREAS, United States Representative William Thomas, with the co-sponsorship of the
23 Hon. Representative Mike Honda and Hon. Representative Doris Matsui, authored H.R. 1492,
24 a copy of which is attached to this resolution; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports House Resolution 1492, federal
2 legislation to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese
3 Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes; and be it,

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the Board
5 of Supervisors shall forward copies to the offices of United States Representatives Hon.
6 Nancy Pelosi and Hon. Mike Honda.