

FILE NO. 011541

1 [US-Japan Peace Treaty.]

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Resolution urging the government of Japan, on the 50th anniversary of the US-Japan
Peace Treaty, to apologize for its wartime atrocities and provide just compensation for
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
US-Japan Peace Treaty in 1951 and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the San
Francisco Peace Treaty; and

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

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

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WHEREAS, The Treaty left unresolved substantial issues of human rights violations
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
refused to acknowledge its wartime responsibilities, apologize to the victims of its atrocities,
and pay just compensation to the surviving victims and surviving family members of deceased
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 50th 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 ^{upon} 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 50th 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.



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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

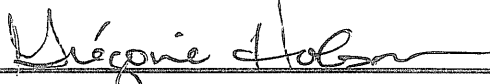
Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Sandoval, Yee

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.



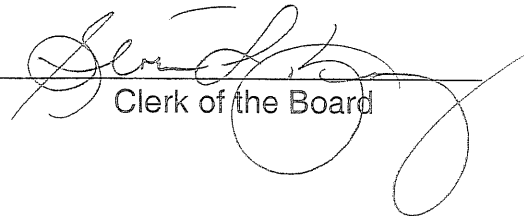
for Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

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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