

1 [Resolution commending the accomplishments of Nikkei throughout the nation.]

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3 **Resolution commending the accomplishments of Nikkei in San Francisco and**
4 **throughout the nation and welcoming the Nikkei visitors attending the Topaz reunion.**

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6 WHEREAS, Americans of Japanese ancestry (Nikkei) were forcibly removed from their
7 homes and businesses and placed into internment camps in the interior of the country during
8 World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, indignities and hardships were suffered by individuals and families while
10 interred; and

11 WHEREAS, despite the difficulties of internment camp life, Nikkei continued to believe
12 in America and struggle to establish a normal life; and

13 WHEREAS, following the closing of the internment camps, Nikkei returned to build new
14 lives and struggled to established a normal life; and

15 WHEREAS, following the closing of the internment camps, Nikkei returned to build new
16 lives and cumulatively fought the prejudices of many of their fellow Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, today the Nikkei have made tremendous contributions to growth and
18 prosperity of this country;

19 WHEREAS, the year 2002 is the 60th anniversary of Executive order 9066, which
20 ordered the evacuation of Nikkei from the west coast of America; and

21 WHEREAS, many of the Americans of Japanese ancestry from San Francisco were
22 interred at the Central Utah Relocation Center, known as Topaz; and

23 WHEREAS, the Topaz reunion Committee has planned a reunion for August 31, 2002
24 in San Francisco, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco extend its warm greetings to
2 those Nikkei in attendance; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nikkei visitors to San Francisco are extended the
4 hospitality of the City as though they were our own residents; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco stands with the
6 participants at the reunion in remembrance of past tragedies and in celebration of the
7 accomplishments of Nikkei both in San Francisco and throughout the nation, recognizes the
8 resiliency of the human spirit over adversity, and reminds all San Franciscans and future
9 generations of Americans that courage, honor, and loyalty transcend race, culture, and
10 ethnicity.



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August 5, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Yee
Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 5, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

AUG 16 2002

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
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Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.