
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO
MAINTAIN ALL REFERENCES TO THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION AND
442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ON ITS WEBSITES FOR THE PUBLIC.

1 WHEREAS, during the second world war, the United States
2 government incarcerated more than one hundred twenty thousand
3 residents of Japanese ancestry in internment camps throughout
4 the continental United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, more than half of the people of Japanese ancestry
7 who were forcibly detained without charges or the right to an
8 appeal were American citizens; and

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10 WHEREAS, thousands of Japanese Americans lost their homes,
11 rights, and freedom during this time as a direct result of
12 systemic anti-Asian racism in the United States; and

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14 WHEREAS, second-generation Japanese American men who were
15 born and raised in the United States were still encouraged to
16 join and were even drafted into the United States military to
17 fight for their country that classified them as "enemy aliens"
18 on the basis of their race; and

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20 WHEREAS, altogether, more than thirty thousand Japanese
21 Americans served with distinction in the United States military
22 in segregated units during the second world war; and

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24 WHEREAS, the most renowned group of Japanese Americans to
25 fight for the United States in this war was the 100th Infantry
26 Battalion which led to the formation of the 442nd Regimental
27 Combat Team; and

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29 WHEREAS, the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental
30 Combat Team were the most decorated units for their size and



1 length of service during the entire history of the United States
2 military; and

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4 WHEREAS, in total, approximately fourteen thousand men
5 served in the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat
6 Team, the vast majority of whom were Nisei, or children of
7 Japanese immigrants born in the continental United States or the
8 Territory of Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, two-thirds of the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd
11 Regimental Combat Team were Hawaii-born Nisei, including Medal
12 of Honor recipient and late United States Senator Daniel K.
13 Inouye; and

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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii historically played a crucial role in the
16 Indo-Pacific theater and continues to provide critical resources
17 to the United States military; and

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19 WHEREAS, recognizing the history of the 100th Infantry
20 Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team is of vital importance
21 to acknowledging the contributions of the people of Hawaii to
22 securing the freedoms enjoyed by Americans today; and

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24 WHEREAS, recognizing the history of the 100th Infantry
25 Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team is fundamental to
26 sustaining the memory and honoring the sacrifices of the brave
27 Japanese Americans who substantially contributed to the war
28 efforts of the United States while many of their families were
29 incarcerated by the American government on the basis of their
30 race; and

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32 WHEREAS, on or about March 5th, 2025, the Pentagon removed
33 information pertaining to the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd
34 Regimental Combat Team from the United States Army's official
35 website amid a federal purge of content identified as being
36 related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); and

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38 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a state composed of an extremely diverse
39 population that celebrates and respects cultural diversity,
40 equity, and inclusion; and



1 WHEREAS, the Legislature does not support the removal of
2 historical references to intersectional minorities and holds
3 that the selective erasure of history is a dangerous act that
4 facilitates the repetition of horrific injustices of the past;
5 now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States
10 Department of Defense is strongly urged to maintain all
11 references to the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental
12 Combat Team on its websites for the public; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of
15 Defense is strongly urged to maintain all references to
16 intersectional minorities in its media as the recording of
17 history involving those individuals who happen to be
18 characterized as minorities is not an act of elevating
19 minorities above non-minorities; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Senate, with
22 the House of Representatives concurring, remain vigilant in
23 support of social justice, civil rights, equal protection, and
24 upholding the rule of law; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
28 Secretary of Defense; Chief of Staff of the United States Army;
29 Chief of the National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant Governor; each
30 member of Hawaii's congressional delegation; Governor; Adjutant
31 General; Chair of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; Executive
32 Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women;
33 President of the Japanese American Citizens League of Honolulu;
34 Office Administrator of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans
35 Club; President of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Veterans
36 Club; Director of ACLU of Hawai'i; President of the National
37 Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Hawaii Chapter;
38 Executive Director of The Legal Clinic; and President of Hawaii
39 Women Lawyers.

