

RESOLUTION FILES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Chinese Americans have bravely served the United States in every military conflict since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, these veterans often had to overcome anti-Chinese discrimination, including segregation and draconian restrictions on immigration through the middle of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, roughly 20,000 Chinese Americans nevertheless fought to defend our freedoms in all branches of the armed forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, these soldiers filled vital combat and support roles in the Pacific, European and African theaters of the war, including flying bomber missions, staffing combat ships, and helping communicate with and train National Chinese soldiers; and

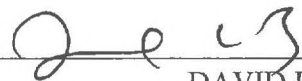
WHEREAS, Chinese American women also served in the armed forces and filled crucial home-front positions such as pilots, air traffic controllers, flight trainers, weather forecasters, occupational therapists, and nurses; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2358, currently pending in the House of Representatives, would issue a Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Chinese American veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, these veterans, through their selfless patriotism in the face of widespread discrimination and prejudice, more than deserve this most prestigious honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program support for H.R. 2358, which will award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American veterans of World War II.

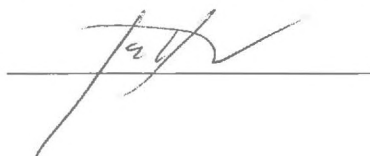
PRESENTED BY:



DAVID RYU

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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