

Assembly



R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable George Nakano
53rd Assembly District; Relative to commending

Tule Lake Gathering 2002

Whereas, Tule Lake is at the heart of some painful decisions of what patriotism and loyalty means to Japanese Americans who were unjustly interned during World War II; and

Whereas, Ten Concentration Camps were created when President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, which forced the removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans; and

Whereas, The Tule Lake Relocation Center, as it was officially named, was opened on May 27, 1942, at which time, thousands of Japanese Americans from Arizona, California, Oregon, and Washington were interned; and

Whereas, On September 13, 1943, after the loyalty questionnaires were distributed, and those who answered questions 27 and 28 negatively were called the "No-No Boys", and the Tule Lake camp had the largest number of "No-No" internees, as "No-No" internees from all other camps began to arrive at Tule Lake, and thus was selected as the "segregation center" for all "No-No" internees; and

Whereas, The Tule Lake camp reached its peak population of 18,789 people on December 25, 1944, which occurred after Tule Lake had become a "segregation center"; and

Whereas, The Tule Lake camp located in the Klamath Falls Basin in Northern California was used as an internment camp for four years, and closed on March 20, 1946, and led to an incredible mass evacuation in reverse; and

Whereas, Since the closure of the Tule Lake camp to 2002, twelve pilgrimages have taken place by those interned at the camp during World War II; and

Whereas, This year the 8th biennial Tule Lake Gathering will be held on September 6-8, 2002, and will commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the internment of Japanese Americans; and

Whereas, This year the gathering: "Continuing Our Legacy," will reunite those interned in 1942 and serve as a multi-generational opportunity for Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei to gather and learn about life before, during, and after the internment, and for everyone to attend forums on the internment experience with opportunities for the generations to share ideas, opinions, and experiences; and

Whereas, This year's gathering will honor the Nisei and Issei for their sacrifices and for making a better life for future Nikkei generations; and

Whereas, On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Tule Lake, the Sanseis thank the Nisei and Issei for guiding them, supporting them, and teaching them the valuable lessons of patriotism, civil liberties, and human rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Assembly Member George Nakano welcomes the attendees to the 8th biennial Tule Lake Gathering 2002: "Continuing Our Legacy," and commends the event planning committee for their hard work and dedication to making this gathering a success.

Members Resolution No. 3110

Dated this 7th day of September, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Nakano".

Honorable George Nakano
53rd Assembly District

