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Resolutions Committee Chair
c/o JACL National Headquarters
1765 Sutter Street
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Dear Resolutions Committee:

Enclosed you will find a resolution submittal for review and consideration at the 40th Biennial National Convention. Also enclosed is electronic version on a disk as requested in the submission guidelines.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Warmest Regards,

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JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
40th Biennial National Convention
National Council Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT
July 16-20, 2008

RESOLUTION FORM

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE RELATING TO the 20th Anniversary of the Passage of Redress.

Whereas, the Seattle chapter introduced the idea of seeking Redress for the years of incarceration and suffering by the Issei and Nisei generations of Japanese Americans at the JACL National convention in 1978 at Salt Lake City, UT,

and whereas, the movement to see Redress was encompassed by the JACL and others,

and whereas, the JACL gained cooperation from many Japanese American organizations across the country,

and whereas, the four Nikkei congressional members, Sen. Dan Inouye, Sen. Sparky Matsunaga, Rep. Norman Mineta and Rep. Bob Matsui, agreed that seeking redress, including the formation of a congressional commission to investigate the government's wartime action,

and whereas, President Jimmy Carter, signed into law, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act which created the Commission on Wartime Relocation, comprised of a non-partisan group of distinguished individuals

and whereas, the Commission on Wartime Relation heard testimony from many people across the country in several locations

and whereas, the Commission recommended that an apology from the Congress and the President, monetary compensation of \$20,000 to each surviving victim of the government's 1942 orders and a creation of an educational trust fund,

and whereas, the Civil Liberties Act was passed on September 17, 1987 by bipartisan support of the House of Representatives and the Senate's passage of the legislation in April 20, 1988

and whereas, the President of the United States, the Honorable Ronald Regan signed into law, the Civil Liberties Act to provide Redress to all survivors of the incarceration along with an apology, on August 10, 1988,

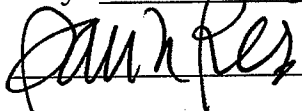
Now therefore be it resolved, that the National Japanese American Citizens League, commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Passage of Redress by asking each district council, and chapters within, to recognize those individuals who played a part in helping to pass the Civil Liberties Act,

and be it further resolved, that wherever possible, some form of recognition be held on a date in close proximity to August 10, 2008, to commemorate this auspicious event.

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Dated: April 15, 2008

Approved by: Dawn N. Rego

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