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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Thank you for considering this proposal. In my work as curator at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem, I have had the opportunity to research the incredibly inspiring stories of many of the Nisei Veterans of the Mid-Willamette Valley. Their courage, sacrifice, and willingness to defend their country -- the same country that was incarcerating their family and friends—is a story that needs to continue to be told. This designation provides the opportunity to bring this history to the public consciousness, a reminder to every car passing, of that sacrifice and bravery. An opportunity to remember:

John H. Kyono (KIA 6 July 1944, Italy)

George James Ishida

Tom Takeshi Oye

Kenneth Takayama

Tom Tsuneo Yoshikai

Joe Josaku Yada

Edward Kosaku Yada

I urge your support of this proposal. Thank you.