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We would like to share our support of Senate Bill 1509 which would rename Highway 35 the Oregon Nisei WWII Memorial Highway. During WWII, Japanese Americans were required to relocate from their homes on the west coast to large detention camps. Many of the grown children of Japanese immigrants called Nisei were born in the US and were American citizens. They volunteered or were drafted and served in the US military. Thousands of Japanese Americans served and many came home to find their land taken over by their neighbors. It took many years before they were recognized for their contributions to our country. This would be a reminder of their sacrifice for the US. Hood River has benefited from having our Japanese Americans neighbors as community members and they are highly respected.

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