

Submitter: Carl Casey

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Measure: SB1509

As Commander of the American Legion Hood River Post 22 it is our honor to be involved in sponsoring an American Legion Resolution supporting the passing of legislation to designate Highway 35 in Hood River County as a Veteran's Memorial Highway in honor of the Nisei Veterans of WWII.

We believe all citizens of the United States realize the injustice that was done to the Japanese Americans at the beginning of World War II, and in Hood River County there were many Japanese families that were impacted, some of which lost property and possessions. It was an extremely difficult time and we believe that all Oregonians now would want to attempt to right a wrong that happened so many years ago.

We also believe that creating a memorial highway designation will help to repair a wrong by honoring those valiant veterans many who gave their lives for the defense of this country.

American Legion Hood River Post 22 assisted this effort by sponsoring American Legion Resolution supporting the designation of Highway 35 as a Memorial Highway and we ask the Oregon Legislature to pass the submitted SB 1509 making this designation a reality.

Sincerely,

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