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On Behalf Of: Oregon Nisei Veterans WWII Memorial Highway Adviso  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: HCR202

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Oregon Senate Committee on Rules

Dear Chair Lieber & Distinguished Committee Members:

Lieutenant Colonel Dick Tobiason is an Oregon treasure -- a state-wide and national advocate for all veterans. We write in wholehearted support of HCR 202, including the amendment recognizing the Oregon Nisei Veterans WWII Memorial Highway.

As Army Master Aviator, Purple Heart recipient, commanding officer, government advisor, NASA flight research manager, and founder of Bend Heroes Foundation, Dick Tobiason is fulfilling his passion for designating highways across Oregon and America in honor of our veterans.

In 2021 Dick joined us in our efforts to recognize Nisei (Japanese American) World War II veterans in this state. He became our advocate as he joined forces with us on our pathway through the legislative process, highway signage and ceremonial tributes. We proudly dedicated the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Highway on August 13, 2022.

Dick Tobiason's heart and soul are embedded in the best interests and recognition of our veterans. As veteran advocate and activist, he is a strong role model for us all, including our youth.

Thank you, Dick Tobiason.

Linda Tamura  
for the 21 Members of the Oregon Nisei Veterans Highway Advisory Group