

Submitter: Carol Suzuki  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: HCR202

Chair Lieber, Vice Chair Knopp and committee members,

My name is Carol Suzuki, and I am here in my personal capacity today and not as a staffer in the Senate President's Office.

I'd like to speak to the dash one amendment to HCR 202 which honors Dick Tobiason and expresses our collective gratitude to him for his unwavering advocacy on veteran's issues.

HCR 202 was introduced by the House Interim Committee on Emergency Management, General Govt and Veterans and Rep. Dacia Grayber.

When HCR 202 reached the Senate, I noticed that the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Hwy created by Senate Bill 1509 in 2022 was not listed in the bill. I immediately contacted Rep. Grayber to allow an amendment to be drafted. I then asked Sen. Bonham – who represents the Greater Columbia Gorge area – to submit the request on my behalf to the Legislative Counsel's Office. I want to express my gratitude to him as well.

Speaking for myself, and as someone who was born and raised in Hood River County, and as someone whose father, grandparents and other family members were held in internment camps by the U.S. government, and as someone whose uncle served with the highly decorated all Japanese American 442nd U.S. Army Regimental Combat Team during WW II, it is important that the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Hwy is included along with Dick's many accomplishments in this bill. I can attest that SB 1509 would not have passed without his partnership and support.

Thank you for your time – I urge the swift passage of the HCR 202 bill with the adoption of the -1 amendment.