

House Joint Memorial 8

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Board of Governors of United States Postal Service and Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to create postage stamp commemorating 442nd Regimental Combat Team of United States Army for service during World War II.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, thrust the United States into World War II; and

Whereas most Americans eligible for military duty were called upon to serve their country in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

Whereas Japanese-Americans were categorized as "4C (enemy aliens)" who were not eligible for military service; and

Whereas many Japanese-Americans were required to live in relocation camps in the western United States, from which they were not free to leave for the duration of the war; and

Whereas Japanese-Americans residing in relocation camps petitioned the federal government to be allowed to volunteer for military service; and

Whereas on February 1, 1943, the federal government reversed its decision and allowed Japanese-Americans to volunteer for military service and formed the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army from among those volunteers; and

Whereas the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was deployed to Europe in May 1944 and landed at Anzio, Italy, on May 28, 1944; and

Whereas the 442nd Regimental Combat Team engaged in combat operations continuously during the next 12 months throughout northern Italy, France and Germany, including the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" at Biffontaine, France, an operation in which the 442nd sustained more than 800 casualties-nearly half of its roster-during a five-day period; and

Whereas the 442nd Regimental Combat Team became the most decorated unit in United States military history for its size and length of service, including 21 Medals of Honor and 9,486 Purple Hearts; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service and the Citizens' Stamp Advisory

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Committee are respectfully requested to create a postage stamp commemorating the 442nd Regi-
2 mental Combat Team for its heroic service and sacrifice to the United States of America and its
3 fellow citizens during World War II.

4 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Postmaster General of the United States.

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