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I fully support the proposed bill to honor World War II Nisei veterans. This was the most decorated unit in U.S. military history. These second-generation soldiers of Japanese ancestry and their families endured blatant racism and discrimination. Many families were uprooted from their homes and placed in internment camps. Yet many young men stepped up and volunteered to prove their patriotism. Much has been written about the soldiers' bravery and combat records, such as the seemingly impossible mission to rescue a Texas National Guard unit. Recognizing their valor with the Oregon Nisei Veterans World War II Memorial Highway would preserve their place in history. It is the right thing to do.