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My father once told me "It's not who you know, it's who knows you. How do you want to be remembered? You will be remembered by your actions, be thoughtful of your conduct." A legacy is carried by one's actions. In times of strife, one can take actions resulting in their character rising to become better. Most often, it is done not for personal recognition, but because it is the right thing to do. During World War Two, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was formed. Comprised mainly of Japanese Americans. There were soldiers from Oregon, my father Arthur Iwasaki was a member of Company I in that unit. He was a decorated veteran. I have other relatives who also served proudly for America. Honor is a strong quality in the Japanese American culture. It means doing what is right. Many have sacrificed their lives to uphold the honor of being an American citizen. It would be a wonderful recognition to the legacy of those Japanese Americans who fought for The United States of America to name that section of highway in their honor. Doing so, their legacy would live on. Respectfully, Paul Iwasaki