

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from Minnesota in the Congress of the United States, and to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 15 — S.F.No. 751

A resolution memorializing the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to recommend to the United States Congress to provide adequate compensation to internees.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the uprooting and imprisonment of all persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1942, exactly 120,313 persons of Japanese ancestry, most of whom were American citizens, were forcibly evicted from their West Coast homes and subsequently incarcerated in what amounted to concentration camps; and

WHEREAS, not a single charge of wrongdoing was ever filed against any Japanese American residing in the United States during World War II; and

WHEREAS, American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their alien parents, who were legal permanent residents, were never allowed the basic constitutional right of the benefit of a hearing or trial; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the \$400 million in property losses estimated by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in 1942, there were immeasurable damages suffered, such as the loss of individual freedom, the destruction of personal human dignity, the loss of income and disruption of careers, and psychological trauma of having been innocent victims imprisoned for three and a half years; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans volunteered from within barbed wire camps to join the armed forces and demonstrated exemplary heroism, courage, and patriotic loyalty as evidenced by the fact the one unit became the most highly decorated unit in World War II for its size and length of service; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians established on July 31, 1980, conducted an inquiry and reported its

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findings on February 24, 1983, that the internment camps for Japanese Americans were unnecessary and unjustified; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it commends the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians its official investigation of the event leading to the issuance of Executive Order 9066 and its consequence upon American citizens and permanent legal residents of Japanese ancestry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it urges the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to recommend to Congress of the United States, that an adequate form of monetary redress be awarded to those individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is directed to prepare a certified copy of this memorial and present it to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 16 — S.F.No. 2083

A resolution memorializing the Administrator of General Services of the United States of the development of a permanent operation plan for the distribution of federal surplus property.

WHEREAS, the United States Code, chapter 40, section 484, required the legislature of each state to develop a permanent plan for the distribution of federal surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has already enacted Minnesota Statutes, sections 16.061 to 16.066 and, under authority of that provision and the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Administration had adopted the Minnesota Code of Agency Rules, title 2, sections 1.3101 to 1.3109 as a temporary plan; and

WHEREAS, the legislature finds that the temporary plan developed by the Department of Administration is entirely satisfactory as a permanent plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that Minnesota Statutes, sections 16.061 to 16.066 and Minnesota Code of Agency Rules, title 2, sections 1.3101 to 1.3109, are adopted by it as the state's permanent

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