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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 301237

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WHEREAS, during the month of February, Japanese Americans across the United States observe a National Day of Remembrance (DOR), to mark the signing of Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, which egregiously suspended basic civil liberties for Japanese Americans and forcibly incarcerated more than 120,000 citizens and legal aliens alike into U S concentration camps during World War II, and

WHEREAS, among those evacuated were 2,000 San Diegans, most of whom had to sell or give away their homes, businesses, and property on a few days' notice, allowed to take only one suitcase and the clothes on their backs, and who remained behind barbed wire in three camps in Poston, Arizona, until their release in 1945; and

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego (JAHSSD) was established in 1992 by a group of former Poston Camp internees who realized that the history of their small community was going unrecorded, and began collecting photographs, artifacts, and oral histories of local Japanese Americans, particularly as they related to life here before and after Poston Camp; and

WHEREAS, today, JAHSSD mounts exhibits, visits classrooms, provides resource and research materials, and cooperates with other organizations to share the Japanese American experience; and

WHEREAS, each year, the National Day of Remembrance provides an opportunity for all people to reflect on the importance of upholding the American ideals of justice and civil liberties during times of uncertainty and emergency; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim February 21, 2006, to be "SAN DIEGO DAY OF REMEMBRANCE" in the City of San Diego, and respectfully invites the participation of all San Diegans in these special 2006 San Diego Day of Remembrance events

APPROVED. MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Stephanie Rahlfs
Stephanie Rahlfs
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at its meeting of FEB 21 2006.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Maureen E. Ketchum
Deputy City Clerk

Approved 3-1-06
(date)

JSL
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor