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Subject: Resolution No. 610-22A2

**REDRESS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
HONORING JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS**

- Commissioner Leland Y. Yee, Ph.D.

**WHEREAS:** In the spring of 1942, an estimated 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, approximately two-thirds American citizens by birth, were forced by Executed Order 9066 to leave the four Western states of California, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington for wartime incarceration in desolate internment camps in violation of their constitutional rights, and

**WHEREAS:** As a result of the evacuation, all students of Japanese ancestry in San Francisco were forced to leave school and have their education abruptly interrupted; and

**WHEREAS:** These American students were unable to continue their education with their classes and were forced to go to makeshift schools behind barbed wire; and

**WHEREAS:** These Japanese American students were prohibited from graduating with their classes at various San Francisco high schools.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the San Francisco Board of Education directs the Superintendent to identify those District's Japanese American students affected directly by Executive Order 9066; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Superintendent will work with organizations, such as Nikkei in Education and Japanese American Citizens League - San Francisco Chapter, in completing the search;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the San Francisco Board of Education belatedly award those Japanese American students a San Francisco Unified School District high school diploma.

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