

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: A Resolution in Honor of
California Congressman Robert T. Matsui (5th
Congressional District)

Resol. No: _____

Ord. No: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on, January 4, 2005 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, Congressman Robert T. Matsui, California's U.S. Representative (5th District) proudly served with distinction 26 years in the United States Congress, passed away on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento native – born September 17, 1941, whose family was among the Japanese-Americans forced into internment camps during World War II, graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School, UC Berkeley and Hastings College of Law; and founded his own Sacramento law practice in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Matsui was the first Japanese- American to be elected to the Sacramento City Council becoming the Vice Mayor in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Matsui, was first elected to the United States Congress and was reelected for a 14th Congressional term in November 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Congressman was able to reach a historic agreement, in recent years, to increase the region's flood protection, as well as provide federal support for other local projects including transportation and other infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congressman Matsui was successful in securing Congress' approval of the Japanese-American Redress Act that provided for a formal government apology for the World War II internment program and offered compensation for internment camp survivors; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Matsui served as the Senior Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, addressing complex policy issues including tax, international trade, social security, health care, and welfare reform, and as the Ranking Minority Member of the Social Security Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, working with both Republicans and Democrats, Congressman Matsui served as a leader on several international fronts including the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the 1994 Congressional approval of the Uruguay Round Agreements which led to the establishment of the World Trade Organization, and the 2000 passage of the Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) with China; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Matsui was a champion of Civil Rights and a strong advocate of health, education and opportunity for all Americans, working tirelessly to serve and protect children leading to child welfare reform during the 1990's;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER that the County of Placer mourns the loss of Congressman Robert T. Matsui – a dedicated public servant who served with distinction in Congress for 26 years. Today, we honor his memory for his commitment to all Americans, as a champion of the Sacramento Region, and as a beloved husband, father and grandfather.