



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 97

January 29, 2018 - Introduced by Senator MILLER, cosponsored by Representative ANDERSON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Paul H. Kusuda.

2 Whereas, Paul H. Kusuda was born on October 14, 1922, in Los Angeles, CA,
3 to Masao and Chiteko Kusuda; and

4 Whereas, Masao and Chiteko were Japanese immigrants who came to the
5 United States in the early 1900s to pursue economic opportunity; and

6 Whereas, Paul was offered an engineering internship with the federal
7 government in 1941; and

8 Whereas, the internship was revoked in early 1942, and Paul and his family
9 were sent to Manzanar Relocation Center as a result of President Franklin D.
10 Roosevelt's Proclamation of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment
11 of Japanese Americans without due process; and

12 Whereas, Paul's experiences at the Manzanar Relocation Center caused him to
13 switch his career from engineering to social work; and

14 Whereas, Paul was allowed to leave the Manzanar Relocation Center in 1943
15 to attend the University of Chicago to study social work; and

1 Whereas, Paul graduated from the University of Chicago in 1949 with a
2 Masters of Social Work; and

3 Whereas, Paul worked for the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections
4 and was chief of the Bureau of Research; and

5 Whereas, Paul retired as the deputy director of Juvenile Services for the
6 Department of Corrections in 1987; and

7 Whereas, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act,
8 which paid \$20,000 to all Japanese Americans interned during World War II; and

9 Whereas, Paul and his wife, Atsuko, donated their \$40,000 in reparations to
10 universities, churches, and nonprofit organizations; and

11 Whereas, throughout his life, Paul made many trips to classrooms to talk to
12 children about the Manzanar Relocation Center and President Roosevelt's Executive
13 Order 9066; and

14 Whereas, Paul was a steadfast advocate for refugees, immigrants,
15 underprivileged youth, Asians, the homeless, and the ideal of health care for all; and

16 Whereas, Paul was the recipient of many awards, including South Central
17 Wisconsin Social Worker of the Year, Special Recognition Award by the American
18 Civil Liberties Union, Dane County Martin Luther King Jr. Recognition Award,
19 Appreciation Award by the Wisconsin Japanese American Citizens League, Asian
20 Wisconsin Editors Award, and The Capital City Hues Appreciation Award; and

21 Whereas, Paul passed away peacefully on November 10, 2017, at his home in
22 Madison; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
24 Legislature honors the life and achievements of Paul H. Kusuda and extends
25 condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

