

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS
RELATIVE TO SEXUAL SLAVERY DURING WORLD WAR II AND COMMENTS MADE
REGARDING THE SAME ATTRIBUTED TO THE MAYOR OF OSAKA, JAPAN**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the citizens and City Council of the City of Milpitas that the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has resolved on June 18, 2013, to condemn recent statements of the Mayor of Osaka justifying a Japanese state-sponsored system forcing thousands of Asian women into sexual servitude for the Japanese military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, it is also claimed in the aforementioned Resolution that according to international historians, as many as 200,000 women and girls in the Indo-Pacific region, including Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Dutch, Chamorro, Australian, Vietnamese, American and Burmese, were forced to serve as “comfort women,” a euphemism for sex slaves widely deployed by the Japanese government; and

WHEREAS, it is further claimed in the aforementioned Resolution that in contradiction to well established history and shared values of human decency and respect, the Mayor of Osaka claimed the system of sex slavery for Japanese troops during the Pacific War, 1937-1945 was a wartime “necessity” in order to give members of Japan’s military a chance “to rest”; and

WHEREAS, it is finally claimed in the aforementioned Resolution that the remarks of the Mayor of Osaka have been denounced by a multitude of world governments and censured by U.S. Officials and numerous figures of international notoriety and yet the Mayor of Osaka has refused to disavow or rescind his comments; and

WHEREAS, it has also come to the attention of the citizens and the City Council of Milpitas that the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco has resolved to call on President Obama and the U.S. Congress to formally ask the Japanese government to initiate legislation formally acknowledging the wartime atrocities committed by the Japanese government in countries that it invaded and occupied and to apologize to and compensate victims of such Japanese aggression, including the survivors of the forced sexual enslavement during World War II.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. If found to be true, the City Council is shocked, greatly offended by and condemns the statements and acts of the Mayor of Osaka and the acts committed or condoned by the Japanese government during World War II in implementing a system of “comfort women” who were essentially forced into sexual slavery in Japanese occupied countries and for which the Japanese government has not acknowledged responsibility for or initiated a plan of reparation to the victims of such horrific and inhumane treatment.
3. The City Council calls on President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to conduct a thorough investigation of the facts alleged in the Resolution of the Board of

Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco and further alleged in reports and articles of various news reporting agencies regarding the comments of the Mayor of Osaka, the acts during World War II of the Japanese government regarding the institution of a system of sexual slavery in Japanese occupied countries during the Pacific War, 1937-1945, and if found to be supported by facts, condemn the comments of the Mayor of Osaka and the acts of the Japanese government in implementing a system of sexual slavery and demand that the government of Japan acknowledge the wartime atrocities committed by its soldiers, apologize for such atrocities and compensate the victims of Japanese aggression, including the survivors of forced sexual enslavement.

- 4. The City Council directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to President Barack Obama, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the Mayor and City Council for the City of Osaka, Japan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Jose S. Esteves, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNITION OF JULY 27, 2013 AS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE DAY

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1950, the Republic of Korea (ROK, South Korea) was attacked by the armed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK, North Korea), which started one of the defining moments of the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Bay Area residents, including those residing in what is now the City of Milpitas, answered our country's call to military service by joining the Armed Forces or by working at numerous military bases and military support facilities in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, through three years of intense combat, American and allied forces overcame some of the most unforgiving conditions in modern warfare as they weathered bitter winters, punishing heat, and mountainous terrain, and were often outgunned and outmanned; and

WHEREAS, the conflict contributed to some of the most noted battles in United States military history, including the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon invasion, and the battles of Imjin River, Kapyong, Bloody Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy, White Horse, Triangle Hill, Hill Eerie, Outpost Harry, Pork Chop Hill, Punchbowl, and the Chosin Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, of the 33,686 battle deaths, 2,830 non-battle deaths, and 8,176 troops missing in action, numerous troops were from Santa Clara County, including what is now the City of Milpitas; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2013, a State legislative measure was introduced by Senator Hueso, proclaiming July 27, 2013 as Korean Armistice Day, and that Bill is currently active and pending before both houses of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Milpitas City Council supports the California Senate and Assembly in recognizing July 27, 2013, as the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice Day and encourages residents to observe the event with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor and thank our distinguished Korean War veterans and those who lost their lives for freedom's sake.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

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ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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