

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 18 -

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 2358 – THE CHINESE AMERICAN WORLD
WAR II VETERANS CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ACT

WHEREAS, More than 20,000 Chinese Americans served in all branches of the military, including military support services, which was approximately 17% of the 120,000 Chinese Americans who were living in the United States at time; and

WHEREAS, Chinese American soldiers made significant contributions to the United States success during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Despite the valor, patriotism, and bravery exhibited by Chinese Americans, they faced blatant institutional racism and prejudice at home as the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 continued to restrict Chinese immigration to the United States; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2017, House of Representatives Bill 2358 (HR-2358), introduced by California Representative Edward R. Royce (CA, District 39), to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Chinese American Veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Other historically overlooked military units, such as Filipino World War II veterans, Navajo Code Talkers, and Monument Men have been honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, and

WHEREAS, HR 2358 reflects and is consistent with and supports several of the values and principles that are included in the Hayward Commitment for an Inclusive, Equitable, and Compassionate Community action plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hayward City Council hereby direct the City Manager to transmit copies of this resolution along with letters to appropriate legislative representatives urging the passage of HR 2358 which directs the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to make appropriate arrangements for the award of a single Congressional Gold Medal to the Chinese American Veterans of World War II in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II, to display the awarded Congressional Gold Medal at the Smithsonian Institution, and to make the medal available for display at other locations associated with such veterans or with World War II so that visitors can learn about the contributions of these brave Americans of Chinese decent, and so that they can finally be honored for their service to the United States of America during a critical time in our country's history.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2018

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward