

“This week’s Congressional Gold Medal presentation to Japanese American veterans of World War II reminds our nation that our allegiance to our Constitution is utmost and requires maximum protection during times of war and fear. This ceremony has a special meaning to me, as my late father, Giichi ‘Byron’ Honda, served in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service (MIS) as a linguistic specialist during the War, and whose service – along with thousands of Japanese American war heroes from MIS, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team – is being honored this week. My father volunteered to serve his country in defense of our Constitution while the U.S. government incarcerated his family, including me, behind barbed wire in a Colorado internment camp. I am proud to stand with these brave veterans and their families as the nation pays them the honor that they have so rightly earned.”