

HR 779

Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2003

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Sponsor

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Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
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Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
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Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Feb 13, 2003
Resident Commissioner Acevedo-Vila, Anibal [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Feb 13, 2003
Del. Faleomavaega, Eni F. H. [D-AS-At Large]	D · AS		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2003
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Apr 2, 2003
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 2, 2003
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2003
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2003
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2003
Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2003
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 7, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		May 13, 2004
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-14]	D · CA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		May 13, 2004
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 13, 2004
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2004
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Jul 15, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

Wartime Parity and Justice Act of 2003 - Allows certain individuals of Japanese ancestry who were brought forcibly to the United States from countries in Latin America and interned in the United States during World War II to be provided restitution under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Urges the President to transmit a letter of apology to each such individual.

Makes the Attorney General responsible for identifying and locating individuals eligible for restitution. Authorizes judicial review of a denial of compensation. Permits an individual covered by this Act who has accepted payment on a related claim before this Act's enactment to receive an appropriately reduced payment.

Directs: (1) individuals covered by this Act to not be considered to have been present in the United States unlawfully during the evacuation, relocation, or internment period; (2) each U.S. agency to correct any records indicating otherwise; (3) agencies to disclose all information relating to the removal and internment of such individuals; and (4) the President to share such information with other countries and encourage those countries to make that information available.

Reestablishes in the Treasury the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and establishes a board of directors for the Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E324-325)
- **Mar 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E257-258)
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.