Day of Remembrance (DOR) is an important tradition in the Japanese American community. It is a time to remember our wartime experience and loved ones. We pay tribute to our past and continue to call to action for our unfinished fight for redress and other struggles for truth and justice.

As we observe this year’s DOR and the 20th anniversary of the historic Japanese American redress legislation, our fight for Japanese Latin American (JLA) internees is gearing up with more energy than ever before.

The U.S. government has yet to acknowledge the WWII human rights violations against the JLA: kidnapping, forced labor, internment, deportation and hostage exchange. This unfinished redress business is urgent as more JLA internees are passing with each year. And failure to hold the U.S. government accountable for these war crimes is critical to all people of conscience as we realize the parallels between this shameful chapter of U.S. history and current government policies and actions.

To ensure that JLA internees receive proper redress, the Campaign For Justice (CFJ), Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress, and the Japanese American Citizens League are mobilizing behind this issue. Thanks to our advocates in Congress, we have the JLA Commission bill, which passed the Senate Committee of jurisdiction. Now, our focus is to get a House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing and get it passed by Congress.

You can help by joining the letter writing campaign, securing endorsements from community organizations and key opinion makers, donating your time and financial assistance, and joining the community delegation to DC for the hearing. Whatever you can do to get the word out about JLA redress is much appreciated.

NOW is the time!

WHAT IS THE “JLA COMMISSION BILL”? U.S. Senator Dan Inouye (HI) and Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA-31) introduced the “Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act (S. 381 and H.R. 662)” that would create a commission to investigate and determine the U.S. government’s wartime violations against Japanese Latin Americans. This commission would be the first step in our goal of equitable redress for the JLA internees.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP
For our bill to pass favorably out of the House Judiciary Committee and Congress, we need more Republican support. Timing is critical in this election year. During the month of February and March, please:

- Inform your member of Congress and Senators about this important issue. Send them a letter, email, fax, or a call.
- Ask your friends and relatives who live in the Judiciary members’ states to do the same.
- Visit www.campaignforjusticejla.org for more information or to find out if your Member of Congress is a cosponsor.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS
Republican Judiciary Committee Members who have yet to support the bill:

- Arizona, 2nd District: Trent Franks
- California, 24th District: Elton Gallegly
- Florida, 8th District: Ric Keller
- Florida, 24th District: Tom Feeney
- Indiana, 6th District: Mike Pence
- Iowa, 5th District: Steve King
- North Carolina, 8th District: Howard Coble
- Ohio, 4th District: Jim Jordan
- Ohio, 1st District: Steve Chabot
- Tennessee, 9th District: Steve Cohen
- Texas, 1st District: Louie Gohmert
- Texas, 21st District: Lamar Smith
- Virginia, 4th District: J. Randy Forbes
- Wisconsin, 5th District: James Sensenbrenner

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

DONATE TO CFJ
Your contribution will fund education and organizing efforts to secure proper redress. Please consider giving your financial contribution today.

Checks can be made out to:
Campaign For Justice
P.O. Box 1384
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Or online at: www.campaignforjusticejla.org

For any questions, please call: 213-500-9346

VOLUNTEER WITH US
We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with the JLA effort. Our volunteers range from former internees to college students. Some of the tasks we need help with are:

- Participate in community delegation to Washington, DC
- Event organizing and manning tables
- Writing and editing newsletters, press releases, and articles
- Phone banking, envelope stuffing, and mailing
- Database and other admin tasks

SHIBAYAMA BROTHERS WAIT FOR IACHR RULING

Unable to find justice in the U.S. courts, Art Shibayama and his brothers Tak and Ken filed a petition with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in 2003. They are demanding to hold the U.S. government accountable for the ongoing failure to provide redress for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against the JLAs.

Sixty years ago, the three brothers, all born in Peru, were kidnapped along with over 2,200 women, children and men of Japanese ancestry, had their passports and identity papers confiscated, and were interned in U.S. camps for the purpose of hostage exchange.

A decision by the IACHR is still pending.

WHO IS CHRISTINE OH?

Campaign For Justice is excited to announce the hiring of Christine Oh as its new full time staff member.

Christine has worked as a Legislative Aide to Rep. Xavier Becerra (CA-31) on Capitol Hill for the last three years. As the lead staff member on the JLA bill, she has worked with many organizations, individuals, and congressional staff.

Christine brings with her a wealth of knowledge of the JLA history as well as a keen understanding of the legislative process.

She will be the point of contact for all congressional matters and outreach efforts.

We are thankful to have her join us! Welcome, Christine!