

JABA STATEMENT TO FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

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"On February 16, 1993, the Board of Governors of the Japanese American Bar Association of Greater Los Angeles unanimously resolved to honor Frank Emi, Mits Koshiyama, Gloria Kubota and all of the courageous members of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee at today's community event.

"We do so in recognition of their courage and strength of conviction in asserting their fundamental constitutional rights. We honor you recognizing that you stood up for your civil rights, at the price of risking criminal convictions and, despite facing perhaps an even greater injury: ostracism from many in your own community.

"We recognize the Fair Play Committee for the true heroes that you were, and the important place you deserve in this community's and this country's history, as those who against all odds refused to compromise the constitutional rights, civil liberties, and human dignity which Japanese Americans and all people deserve. As such you are examples for all of us to follow."

*The Japanese American Bar Association of Greater Los Angeles*

*Hereby Honors*

*George Nozawa*

*As a courageous member of "The Fair Play Committee."*

*We honor you in recognition of your courage and strength of conviction in demanding "fair play" by refusing to serve as U. S. soldiers during World War II while your families were incarcerated solely on the basis of race in violation of their constitutional rights.*

*We honor you for standing up for your civil rights at the risk of criminal prosecution and facing ostracism from many in the Japanese American community.*

*We honor you and the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee for the true heroes you were, and the important place you deserve in this community's and country's history.*

*We honor you for refusing to compromise the civil liberties and human dignity which Japanese Americans and all people deserve.*

*April 30, 1993*

*Bruce H. Ishimatsu*

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