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Hello Mayor Carr and City Council Members,

Thank you for presenting me with a proclamation recognizing my work as a historian and author on Asian American history in Huntington Beach, specifically our long Japanese American history. I am very honored and appreciative of the effort this City Council is making to recognize our community's history and cultural diversity.

I thought you may be interested in a current feature on a historical figure in Huntington Beach, Masami Sasaki. His chili pepper enterprise generated jobs and revenue for Huntington Beach during the Great Depression. Chili peppers are one reason Huntington Beach weathered the Depression better than other communities, as the top producer in the entire country.

During World War II, when Masami Sasaki was incarcerated at Tule Lake Segregation Camp (California), he became a key figure in landmark civil liberties case law preventing the deportation and preserving the citizenship and civil rights of 5,500 Japanese Americans.

The acts of this one individual---who had been a community leader in Huntington Beach---changed the lives of thousands. <http://historicwintersburg.blogspot.com/2015/03/red-hot-chili-peppers.html>

It's my hope that the history shared brings new awareness and understanding of the contributions of Asian Americans as part of the larger story of America. Huntington Beach's Sister City relationship with Anjo, Japan,

continues a history and friendship of more than a century. It is my hope we recognize, honor and preserve where this history exists within the community for future generations.

Again, thank you very much for this honor. During a time when there has been a rise in anti-Asian hate and violence, this is a deeply appreciated statement by the City Council.

Best,
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