

Victory!!! Glendale wins at the Ninth Circuit Court!!!

This is a victory of the historical justice, a victory of over two decades of the struggle of the Grandmas (the survivors), and the victory of all of us who have been fighting against the Abe administration that has set a \$500 million budget to erase this history.

We would like to recognize and thank the awesome members at the City Council of Glendale that stood with the victims and the historical truth from the very beginning, without being swayed by various (and enormous!!) pressure from the Abe administration and the ultra right-wing forces from Japan. THANK YOU, GLENDALE!!

We thank greatly the wonderful team of lawyers from the City of Glendale and Sidley Austin, LLP, for providing a pro bono representation for the City of Glendale!!

We also thank the dedication and tireless work by Paul Hoffman and Catherine Sweetser who filed amicus brief on behalf of Korean American Forum of California, as well as Barry Fisher who filed amicus brief on behalf of Global Alliance for Preserving the History of WWII in Asia.

And thank you all of you, who have stood by Glendale, provided support for the Halmonis (the surviving Grandmas) and our work. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to do any of our work!!

The message is clear: it is correct and worthy to remember the victims of Japanese military sexual slavery by way of resolutions, memorials and other visible means at various US governmental level.

We call on the Japanese government to finally accept its state responsibility for this egregious crime against humanity and work together with the rest of the world to remember and prevent such crimes in the future.

We call on the Japanese government to stop spending exorbitant amount of money in denying, whitewashing and erasing the history; rather, we urge them to spend it to remember and educate its own people and the people of the world of what they did to the hundreds of thousands of women during its military expansion in Asia Pacific, by erecting its own memorials and building museums so that our future generation will learn from this mistake.

Thank you so much!!

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