

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4644, by Representatives Pettigrew, Santos, Ryu, and Ortiz-Self

1           WHEREAS, In 1990, Herbert Tsuchiya, a retired pharmacist and  
2 long-time community activist, his wife Bertha Lung Tsuchiya, and Sam  
3 Mitsui, a member of the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team  
4 during World War II, decided to take community ownership of the issue  
5 of hunger by organizing a walk to help the Asian Counseling and  
6 Referral Service (ACRS) Food Bank provide rice and other culturally  
7 familiar foods to the most vulnerable among us, including Asians and  
8 Pacific Islanders and others in need; and

9           WHEREAS, 25 years ago, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui organized the  
10 first *Walk for Rice* at the Chinese Baptist Church in Beacon Hill  
11 under the sponsorship of the Blaine Methodist Church, Chinese Baptist  
12 Church, and Japanese Baptist Church with 45 participants raising  
13 \$1,800 towards ending hunger in the community; and

14           WHEREAS, For 25 consecutive years, Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Mitsui  
15 have dedicated themselves to the issue of hunger by organizing,  
16 walking, and running in the *Walk for Rice*, which in 2014 had over  
17 1,000 participants and raised a record high of \$274,538 in donations;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Each year at *Walk for Rice*, the community gathers to  
20 honor the legacy Mr. Tsuchiya, Mr. Mitsui, and Mrs. Tsuchiya created  
21 by coming together to fight hunger in our communities and support the  
22 ACRS Food Bank; and

