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Mr. Rex and Mrs. Keiko Ziak
Co-Founders
Obon Society
P.O. Box 282
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ziak:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to commend you for your ongoing humanitarian efforts to return *Yosegaki Hinomaru* to the families of missing World War II Japanese soldiers.

It is an honor for me to recognize the Obon Society. The Society has received battlefield artifacts; analyzed and researched the origin of the items; conducted a nationwide search throughout Japan for the relatives; and finally returned personal heirlooms to families. You have, with great compassion, dedication, and hard work, helped many American and Japanese families begin the process of acknowledging and healing the wounds of war. On the 70th anniversary since the end of World War II, it is most appropriate to acknowledge the outstanding work the Obon Society has been doing to demonstrate the American spirit of peaceful reconciliation.

As a United States Senator representing the people of California, I thank and commend the Obon Society for its outstanding efforts and achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator