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Solano County Office of Education Operation Recognition Graduation Ceremony

Six confirmed graduates whose high school education was interrupted due to military service will receive their high school diploma at the Operation Recognition Graduation Ceremony to be held at the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield on Thursday, March 29, 2018, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. “Our Veterans sacrificed so much for the freedom and safety of our Country, and we are very grateful for their service. We look forward to recognizing these deserving individuals by providing them each with their long-awaited high school diploma,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. SCOE has been working closely with the California Department of Veterans Affairs for this special celebration, and during its March 14th meeting the Solano County Board of Education approved the following Resolutions:

- Resolution B17-18-29 in support of Operation Recognition and awarding diplomas to Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, as well as Japanese-Americans interned during World War II, who were unable to complete high school due to their military service.
- Resolution B17-18-28 in support of National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29, 2018.

In the 1940s, 50s, 60s, and 70s, thousands of young men and women left high school and the comforts of home to serve in the United States Armed Forces to defend our Country in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Additionally, during World War II many Japanese-American citizens were interned in relocation camps across the United States. After the wars, many of these individuals were not able to finish high school and receive their diploma.

California Education Code sections 51430 and 51440 authorize the retroactive awarding of high school diplomas to eligible Veterans and persons who were detained in internment camps during World War II. The Solano County Office of Education is proud to participate in “Operation Recognition” which honors U.S. Veterans and Japanese-American citizens by awarding them with their high school diploma.

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