

Defend the Honor

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3 **WHEREAS**, World War II Ken Burns Documentary excluded Native Americans and
4 Hispanics and undermined the unity of our country's effort of WWII and ignored the
5 patriotism, sacrifices, proud and honorable dedication and contributions to our
6 country's 500,000 Hispanic military service men and women of WWII;

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Hispanic community, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Individual
9 members of Congress, Texas and California Legislatures, National Council of the La
10 Raza, National Hispanic Media and the American G. I. Forum an Hispanic veterans
11 organization, chartered by Congress. Complained and condemned the omission of
12 Hispanic Veterans. PBS response was not to interfere with Ken Burns's artistic freedom;

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14 **WHEREAS**, the WWII Documentary CD its accompanying book and educational
15 material will be part of schools' education of WWII and has omitted the true history of
16 WWII and should be corrected;

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18 **WHEREAS**, President and CEO Ms Paula Kerger Public Broadcast System and Ken
19 Burns' Florentine Production Company finally relented and shall assemble a production
20 team to include Hispanic contributions to WWII war effort and shall have a Hispanic
21 producer;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Washington State Democratic Central
24 Committee applaud the efforts of the coalition named Defend the Honor that made PBS
25 CEO Paula Kerger and Ken Burns see the light to do what is historically correct and
26 proper and honorable for our Hispanic WWII contributions, and the Chair will send a
27 letter to PBS and Ken Burns urging an integral Hispanic and Native American
28 component within this documentary.

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31 Submitted by the Washington State Hispanic/Latino Democratic Caucus to the
32 Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 28, 2007
33 meeting in Bellingham. (Date Submitted 4/25/2007)

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35 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
36 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.

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38 The WSDCC "TABLED" this resolution at its April 28, 2007 meeting in Bellingham.

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40 The WSDCC took this resolution off the table and "PASSED" it at its June 30, 2007
41 meeting in the Tri-Cities.