

Dear Editor,

Reprinted for Rafu readers is a tribute to Angus Macbeth written on the occasion of his memorial service in Washington on March 6, 2017. Japanese Americans were fortunate to have him fighting on their side. Larger than life, Angus, a native of Los Angeles, was extraordinarily intelligent -- a summa at Yale and a summa again at Yale Law School. He was also one of the founders of the Natural Resources Defense Council and so of the modern environmental movement.

For the family of Angus Macbeth:

JoAnn, Hampden, and Cullen

The Memorial Service, March 6, 2017.

Japanese Americans will always remember Angus Macbeth as a towering, heroic figure. Without him, there would have been no HR 442, the Japanese American redress bill, passed by the 100th Congress and signed by Ronald Reagan in 1988

Angus served as Special Counsel to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The work of many such commissions gets written up in unreadable, haphazard fashion so that it can be put on a shelf to gather dust as quickly as possible. Not the work of this Commission. Angus brought to bear his

fierce intelligence and his understanding of right and wrong to write – actually to craft, to compose – a report so compelling that HR 442 begins with the words:  
*An Act to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.*

Thank you, Angus. Rest in peace.

Grant Ujifusa

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Sent: Wed, Mar 29, 2017 10:19 pm  
Subject: Re: From a NY Japanese American friend

Thank you for passing this along. Sounds so much like him - not quite running on time (either early or late), the leather brief case, and his unassuming manner.

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From: stanzakronin <[stanzakronin@aol.com](mailto:stanzakronin@aol.com)>  
To: captain129 <[captain129@aol.com](mailto:captain129@aol.com)>  
Sent: Wed, Mar 29, 2017 12:40 am  
Subject: Your Letter to The Rafu Shimpo Editor

Grant:

Your letter to the Editor in The Rafu Shimpo dated 3/16/17, "For the Family of Angus Macbeth," describes the greatness of this man.

I did not know who he was at first. It was at the Chicago CWRIC hearings. I arrived early at the venue when this important looking man with a leather brief case came in and said something to me like, "Looks like we're here early." We stood around and talked and then he went inside. To my surprise I later found out who it was that I had the fifteen minutes with.

s/Stanley