

Dear Craig,

If Heidi and you are back from Germany, welcome home. When you have a little time, could you forward the link below to James Dao at NYTimes op-ed and ask him to send on it to Tom Brokaw? Like many others, he was taken in by a story too good to be true.

[Brokaw, Simpson, and Mineta](https://www.grantujifusa.org/pdfs/Brokaw,%20Simpson,%20and%20Mineta%20)

<https://www.grantujifusa.org/pdfs/Brokaw,%20Simpson,%20and%20Mineta%20>

Dear Fred,

Thanks for forwarding. The piece in the Washington Post is almost okay. No Cub Scout-Boy Scout teaming up 40 years later to make Senate passage happen, and there's clear mention of Sparky and Dan. Also, Simpson admits he voted for Jesse Helms' amendment to strip the money out of the bill, gutting it, and so dismisses the redress political reality of the 1980s: *An apology was easy, the money was hard.*

Individual payments in the bill made the apology "insincere," the one-time Boy Scout says. Wrong. For nearly all JAs: No money, no redress. So what kind of Republican no-money help did JAs get from the Wyoming senator? None, actually. And that kind of help makes Alan Simpson a Boy Scout hero of Japanese American redress?

But maybe my bitching and moaning reached them. See my latest version in the link attached above and now on my website. Check links at the end of the post on the site.

Cutting Sparky out of HR 442 and sticking Simpson in means rewriting redress history. That is wrong. Sparky did all the work. Three intense years of it and produced a 69-vote, bi-partisan, filibuster proof majority. No one did more to make Japanese American redress an astonishing success.

Grant

-----Original Message-----

From: Frederick Katayama <fkny7@hotmail.com>

To: Grant Ujifusa <captain129@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Aug 27, 2017 12:05 pm

Subject: Behind a WWII internment camp's barbed wire, two Scouts forged a bond. It endured when they

Looks like you've got another letter-to-the-editor to write, Grant.

Fred

https://www.washingtonpost.com/amhtml/local/trafficandcommuting/behind-a-world-war-ii-internment-camps-barbed-wire-two-scouts-forged-a-bond-it-endured-when-they-both-entered-congress/2017/08/11/7542170a-7794-11e7-9eac-d56bd5568db8_story.html