



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Gifu Prefectural Association of Southern California

It is my pleasure to welcome all gathered to celebrate your 100th anniversary.

Our Golden State is proud to be home to a vibrant mix of cultures and I applaud you for promoting and celebrating your heritage - your efforts link your ancestral homeland to America. By bringing together citizens of Japanese descent, you honor and preserve traditions that have contributed to California's culture and vitality.

I extend a special welcome to the out-of-town visitors who have come to celebrate the anniversary. I hope that each of you will have an opportunity to take part in the many cultural activities and recreational opportunities that southern California has to offer.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every future success.

Sincerely,


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.

