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## motion no. 2120

A MOTION commending the Japanese Government for its generous offer to give the United States a cherry blossom park in honor of the American Revolution Bicentennial, and requesting that the Seattle-King County area be considered for the parksite.

WHEREAS, Washington State and the SeattleKing County area, in particular, have a long history of close ties with Japan, and

WHEREAS, in October, 1957, Seattle and Kobe, Japan, became "sister cities" and since that time have engaged in mutual cultural, educational and professional exchange activities, and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle is an active trading partner with numerous Japanese cities, and our citizens value the ties of friendship developed through these trading opportunities, and

WHEREAS, many Japanese-Americans have chosen the Seattle-King County area as their home, and have contributed substantially to our history and the quality of life in the Northwest, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council is passing a similar motion supporting the Seattle-King County area as the site of this generous gift of the Japanese government,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

King County joins with the City of Seattle in expressing

appreciation to the Japanese government for its generous

offer of the gift of a cherry blossom park to the United States
in honor of the American Revolution Bicentennial.