Resolution No. 34: American Legion and Scouting "Square Knot" Award
Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion voiced its support of the Boy Scouts of America at its first national convention in 1919, making it the first recognized national youth activity of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to God and country, personal honor, respect for the beliefs of others, volunteerism, and interdependence with the environment, principles which are conducive to good character, citizenship, and health; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion encourages its members to support and become involved in Scouting as a primary part of their service to God and country, their community, their state and their nation; and

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America has established a Community Organization Award “Square Knot” by which national chartered organizations can recognize their members for voluntary service to and achievement in the Scouting programs; and

WHEREAS, The concept of the award, and the criteria for awarding and presenting it are developed and owned by the national community organization which is also a chartered organization with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission desires to provide recognition to those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the youth of their communities through the programs of the Boys Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has the concurrence of the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee and the Internal Affairs Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 7-8, 2003, That The American Legion shall establish “The American Legion and Scouting Square Knot Award”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Americanism Commission shall establish further rules, regulations, and guidelines for the selection and award of said award; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the said award be included in the next edition of the American Legion Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Manual.