

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Miami, Florida  
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**Resolution No. 424: Our System of Government Must be Exalted in our Schools**

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**Submitted By: Convention Committee on Americanism**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is much indebted to the overwhelmingly large number of teachers for their patriotic endeavors and for support of the Americanism Program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, In turn The American Legion has cooperated with the educators of the nation in recommending and supporting pay raises and better conditions for teachers; and

WHEREAS, The teaching of civics and the history of United States of America are subjects in which educators by their proper treatment of these subjects, may transmit to our youth unimpaired, the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for which The American Legion strives and as do all liberty-loving Americans; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion believes that while it devolves upon the teacher of civics and United States history to explain clearly and impartially the differences between our republican form of government in a democracy and the communist dictatorship, yet in that explanation our system must not suffer but be exalted; and

WHEREAS, There is a failure on the part of too many of our youths to understand not only the essential elements of the American way of life, but also a true appreciation on their part of their glorious American heritage, as well as greater zeal for our form of government, its social and industrial systems; and

WHEREAS, The problems of teaching civics and history of the United States of America in the high schools and colleges and universities are more involved at this time, and recognition of this difference must be made on a maturity level; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 18, 19, 20, 21, 1948, That The American Legion urges that all parents and guardians and citizens assist and aid our teaching profession in its professional efforts in the schools to guard and to preserve intact our freedoms under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, that there be recognition of the fact that the advantages under our form of government far outnumber any disadvantages.**