

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
April 30-May 1, 1964**

**Resolution No. 69: Nomination for Distinguished Service Medal to Dr. Charles W. Mayo  
Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee  
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has created and from time to time has presented The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of great and unusual service; and

WHEREAS, It is completely in keeping with the purpose, the principle, and the tradition of this award that it should be presented to a distinguished American who for nearly forty years, has exercised his talents and his genius for the benefit of mankind; and

WHEREAS, He has devoted a lifetime to the progress of medical science and the dissemination of knowledge concerning advancements recorded in the science of medicine and the exacting techniques of surgery; and

WHEREAS, He served his country with honor and distinction during World War II in the Medical Corps of the Army of the United States; and

WHEREAS, He has served two presidents of the United States on special assignments including those of alternate delegate to the Eighth General Assembly of the United Nations, chief delegate or delegate to the Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh World Health Assemblies, and member of a special presidential committee appointed to study medical problems; and

WHEREAS, As a member of William T. McCoy Post No. 92, Department of Minnesota, rendered valuable assistance to The American Legion through his service with the National Rehabilitation Commission's Medical Advisory and Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, He has served the best interests of the needs of the nation's war veterans as a member and later chairman of the Special Medical Advisory Group to the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, He has received numerous honors and recognitions for his service to mankind in medicine from many distinguished civic and professional organizations and educational institutions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 30-May 1, 1964, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Dr. Charles William Mayo of Rochester, Minnesota.**