

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
June 5-7, 1946**

**Resolution No. 146: American Legion Distinguished Service Medal To Cordell Hull  
Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee  
Submitted by: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee**

WHEREAS, Cordell Hull has rendered outstanding service to the nation and to the cause of peace in his long public career of service as judge, representative, United States senator, and secretary of state; and

WHEREAS, He upheld American rights and interests with unflinching courage, dignity and consistency as secretary of state, and by his firmness, wisdom and patience, when patience was needed, and his remarkable intellectual integrity won the confidence of the American people, and set an example of statesmanship, exemplifying for all time the highest ideal of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, He was largely responsible for the adoption and implementation of the "Good Neighbor" policy toward American sister nations, which led to the creation of Western Hemisphere solidarity, with the result that all the American neighbor nations of the United States rallied to this nation's active military support in world War II; and

WHEREAS, This association of nations of the Western Hemisphere became a pattern for a world organization of the family of nations for maintaining of an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion acknowledges his contribution toward its own prewar and wartime programs of civilian defense by making possible the sending of its mission to England early in 1941 to study the problems of civilian defense in modern warfare, the findings of which mission became the foundation of the first organized civilian defense program in the United States; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 5-7, 1946, That Cordell Hull be awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion as the token of The American Legion's recognition of his great services to the people of the United States during the gravest period of national peril in the country's history, and as further appreciation of his cooperation and assistance given to American Legion programs and objectives.**