

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 5-6, 1965**

**Resolution No. 54: Nomination for Distinguished Service Medal for Herbert Clark Hoover
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 has become a symbol of American courage, American, ideals, and American compassion; and

WHEREAS, He prefaced his entry to public service with personal successes in the free enterprise economy which is both a pillar and a triumph of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, He worked unselfishly and unstintingly throughout the ninety years of his fruitful life, giving of himself and his immense capabilities and of his material possessions to alleviate the wants, the hunger, the unspeakable sufferings of millions of the world's helpless victims of war, famine, disease, and similar disasters which have inflicted severe privations and hardships upon God's creatures during the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, He is immortally inscribed in the annals of the American republic as its thirty-first president, a leader whose qualities of inflexible personal integrity, courage, and confidence inspired a nation during difficult years; and

WHEREAS, He exemplified his entire life the exaltation of American citizenship responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, He died in 1964, carrying to his grave the love, the respect, and the reverence of the American people for one of their cherished statesmen; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 5-6, 1965, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented posthumously to the thirty-first president of the United States, Herbert Clark Hoover, deceased October 20, 1964.