

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 3, 1972**

**Resolution No. 42: Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
John Cornelius Stennis
Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion has created The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal and has authorized its award to distinguished Americans in recognition of their outstanding service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, It is in keeping with the principles, purposes, and traditions of this award that it be bestowed upon an American who has served both his native state of Mississippi and the nation with distinction as a state legislator, prosecuting attorney, and circuit judge before his election to the United States Senate, where nearly a quarter century of continuous service has brought him to such important assignments as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and the Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigation and Department of Transportation, in addition to his membership on the Appropriations and Space Sciences Committee; and

WHEREAS, He has been a staunch advocate of a strong foreign policy for America, a policy of continual preparedness, and has vigorously opposed those who would break down our defenses and weaken our liberties; and

WHEREAS, He has received honors from several groups and organizations in recognition of his leadership, his statesmanship, and his achievements in behalf of a nation capable of defending itself against every possible enemy; and

WHEREAS, He has been recommended by the unanimous approval of the Department of Mississippi to receive the highest honor The American Legion can bestow; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 3, 1972, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable John Cornelius Stennis of Mississippi.