

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 30-May 1, 1980**

**Resolution No. 55: Presentation of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
Gerald R. Ford**

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 honorably in the military service for his country during time of war; and

WHEREAS, He has been re-elected to thirteen consecutive terms as a member of Congress from the great state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He has been lauded as a "Congressman's Congressman" by the American political science association when it conferred on him its distinguished congressional service award in 1961; and

WHEREAS, He has been chosen by the American Academy of Achievement to receive the golden plate award as one of fifty "Giants of Accomplishment," at its annual salute to excellence in June, 1971; and

WHEREAS, He has served his country as vice president of the United States taking office on December 6, 1973; and

WHEREAS, He has served his country as 38th president and commander in chief of all U.S. forces; 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, 1980, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States.