

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 6-7, 1981**

Resolution No. 39: American Legion Distinguished Service Medal Award to Space Shuttle Crew

Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, John Young and Robert Crippen have brought honor to the United States of America and the U.S. space program; and

WHEREAS, Their bravery and professionalism in successfully carrying out the mission of the space program has re-established America as the leader in manned space flight; and

WHEREAS, The contribution of their knowledge and skills in the precise execution of their mission combined with the support of the space program staff has revived national pride and restored international respect for 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 May 6-7, 1981, That the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal Award be presented to the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia, John Young, and Robert Crippen.