

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 1-2, 1991**

Resolution No. 42: Distinguished Service Award Nomination

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 the country through his truly exemplary record of leadership in the political arena, serving as a U.S. Representative for the 7th District of Texas, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, chaired his political party's national committee, held the position of director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was vice president of the United States for eight years, and currently is president of the United States, winning the highest office in the nation with 40 states and a 426-112 Electoral College vote; and

WHEREAS, He is a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals from the U.S. Navy as a consequence of his service in the Pacific Theater during World War II where he piloted Avenger torpedo bombers off the USS San Jacinto from 1943 to 1944; and

WHEREAS, Through his international diplomacy skill and his command of the Armed Forces of the United States, engineered the policies and strategies which, where implemented on January 16, 1991, resulted in the total reversal of Iraqi military aggression against its neighbor and the restoration of Kuwait's sovereignty in less than five weeks; and

WHEREAS, He has contributed to the public welfare through the creation of the "1,000 Points of Light" Foundation, thus recognizing and supporting the contribution of millions of Americans who give so freely of themselves through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, He has advanced and promoted the highest ideals of public service in a most outstanding manner; and

WHEREAS, He has exemplified the highest traditions of devotion to God and Country; and

WHEREAS, He has supported the principles and objectives of The American Legion through his 23 years of continuous membership in Post 77, Houston, Texas, where he is a life member; and

WHEREAS, He stands as a symbol of integrity, trust and character in public service at home and abroad; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 1-2, 1991, That the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Legion be presented to President George Bush.