

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 4-5, 1994**

**Resolution No. 35: Distinguished Service Award Nomination**

**Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee**

**Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The American Legion 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 contributed the largest single gift ever to education, in the amount of \$500 million, in keeping with the belief that quality education is the great hope of the future; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed U.S. ambassador to Great Britain by President Richard M. Nixon in 1969 and served further as a commander in the United States Navy Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Has further distinguished himself by advancing education as the founder of the Annenberg School of Communication Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Southern California, Annenberg Washington Program in Communication Policy Studies; Annenberg/Corporation Public Broadcasting Math/Science project, founder, trustee Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships, emeritus trustee Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, honorary member of the board of overseers Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York City, trustee Winston Churchill Traveling Fellowships and others;

WHEREAS, He has earned numerous honors and awards for the advancement and improvement of education including the Freedom Medal Awarded by President Ronald Reagan for pioneering TV for educational purposes, Dwight D. Eisenhower Medal for leadership and service, Gold Medal Pennsylvania Society, Linus Pauling Medal for humanitarianism, George Foster Peabody Award, Ralph Lowell Award Corporation for Public Broadcasting, named to the Wharton School Hall of Fame and others; and

WHEREAS, He has received distinguished honors for foreign diplomacy including Decorated Knight Commander, Honorary Order of Britain, Legion of Honor (France), Order of Merit (Italy), Order Crown (Italy), Order of the Lion (Finland) and others; and

WHEREAS, He supports the highest principles and purposes of The American Legion through extraordinary patriotism and public service benefiting the American education system and expanding opportunities for the students of our nation's schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 1994, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable Walter H. Annenberg, ambassador, publisher, and philanthropist.**