

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 7-8, 1997**

Resolution No. 49: Distinguished Service Medal Nomination

Origin: Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee

Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion has created a 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 is bestowed upon an American who during years of public service and extraordinary patriotism, has actively served his country's call among his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This deserving candidate has fulfilled a lifetime of distinguished public service to his community, state and nation by serving his country in the United States Army from 1943 to 1948; serving his home state of Kansas in the state legislature from 1951 to 1953; serving his home country as an attorney from 1953 to 1961; serving in the House of Representatives from 1961 to 1969; serving as Republican nominee for vice president in 1976; serving as the Republican nominee for president in 1980, 1988 and 1996; serving in the United States Senate from 1969 to 1996; serving as the Senate majority leader from 1984 to 1986, and 1995 to 1996; serving as Senate minority leader from 1986 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his personal and professional life, he has fought for a strong national defense; and

WHEREAS, He has consistently supported the mission of our country's military to be able to defend our freedom and protection of our interests in America and around the world; and

WHEREAS, He has consistently been an ardent supporter of America's veterans by being sensitive to and supportive of their issues; and

WHEREAS, He has recently accepted a position as the national co-chair of the World War II Memorial National Campaign to build the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Because of his support and faithful commitment to the highest principles and objectives of our democratic society, and because of his long dedication to this country and his citizens both in uniform and out, and because he is most worthy of recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 7-8, 1997, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable Robert J. Dole.

