

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 10-11, 2000**

Resolution No. 48: Distinguished Service Medal 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 bestowing it upon 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 during his years of public service has actively served his country in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, Among his core values there three strong traits to serve as the hallmark of this person's life, which are hard work, perseverance and service; and

WHEREAS, His life's experiences have seen hard times and good times to include work as a night desk clerk in a school dormitory; a janitor; a metal lather like his father; a practicing attorney, and election to public office; and

WHEREAS, Through his life he has demonstrated a love of music and the arts; a love of God and country, and a passion for the law of our constitution; and

WHEREAS, These qualities and values have guided him through four terms in the United States Senate where he has fought and won many important legislative battles on behalf of the American people; and

WHEREAS, He has diligently promoted American principles, championing a balanced federal budget; relief from excessive Federal regulations; tax relief for families and small business; effective measures to curtail crime; improvement of health care services, and protection from the exploitation of children, and a strong national defense; and

WHEREAS, He has always been an ardent advocate of veterans; paying them the tribute they deserve for their willingness to wear the uniform of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, His honor and respect for their courage, dedication and sacrifices is thoughtfully expressed in the lyrics of a patriotic song he has written which concludes with the words, "Morning breaks on Arlington, warmed by the rays of the golden sun, an all who pause in homage there feel a soft hush in the air. Those who love the liberty bow their heads and bend a knee, and from their hearts they breathe a silent prayer. Thank God for those who rest in honor here"; and

WHEREAS, He understands a soldier, sailor, Marine and coast guard and airman's willingness to sacrifice as they are prepared to stand and fight for our values so we may win a freedom and just nation; and

WHEREAS, He has been a staunch supporter of The American Legion on many issues, including the Flag Protection Amendment to the constitution because of his belief that the American Flag is the preeminent symbol of the broad freedoms established by our constitution, and deserving of protection under the law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 10-11, 2000, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable Orrin Hatch, U.S. Senator, Utah.