

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 8-9, 2002**

**Resolution No. 41: Distinguished Service Medal  
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 during years of public service, has actively and faithfully served his country in an exemplary manner; and

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

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

WHEREAS, He is a U.S. Navy World War II combat veteran, where he served on the USS Tulagi from 1943-1946; and

WHEREAS, He served four terms in the Arizona House of Representatives from 1959 to 1967, five terms in the Arizona State Senate from 1967 to 1976, and served as president of the Arizona State Senate from 1975 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, He was first elected to the 95<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress on November 3, 1976, and has been re-elected through the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress where he has fought, debated and has won many important legislative battles on behalf on the American people; and

WHEREAS, He has demonstrated his support and loyal commitment to the highest principles and objectives of our democratic society through his life-long dedication to this country and its citizens, both in uniform and out; and

WHEREAS, His diligent and conscientious efforts helped to expedite the construction of the World War II Memorial when President Bush signed H.R. 1696 into law on May 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, He has been a staunch supporter of The American Legion on many issues, including the Flag Protection Amendment to the constitution; and

WHEREAS, He believes the American Flag is the preeminent symbol of the broad freedoms established by our constitution and is deserving a protection under law; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 8-9, 2002, That the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion be presented to the Honorable Robert Stump, U.S. Representative, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Arizona.**