

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 2-4, 1956**

**Resolution No. 43: The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal be Awarded to Mr.
Charles Stewart Mott
Origin: Trophies and Awards Committee
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, Child welfare and community service ever have been among the most vital programs of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint, Michigan, during the past twenty years has set a splendid example to the nation, indeed to the world, in both of these activities; and

WHEREAS, The Mott Foundation was made possible through the humanitarianism, the leadership and the philanthropy of Charles Stewart Mott; and

WHEREAS, For his good citizenship and sound Americanism, Charles Stewart Mott was cited by the President of the United States as “The National Big Brother of the Year 1954”, and has been honored with achievement awards by the Department of Michigan of The American Legion, the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of American, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and many other bodies; and

WHEREAS, Through the generous efforts of Charles Stewart Mott, a veteran of military service to his country in two wars, the City of Flint, Michigan, has been hailed as “the Model U.S. city”; and

WHEREAS, Charles Stewart Mott’s unselfish activities in promoting a better community life, through promotion of child welfare, health, recreation, child-and-adult-education, intercultural relations, outdoor education and camping work with boys and girls, and family, community and social services, have encouraged community groups in many states to duplicate the pattern of enlightened public service which he has pioneered; and

WHEREAS, The accomplishments of this good citizen and good American have exemplified and greatly advanced the principles of individual responsibility and the free enterprise system which underscore the American way of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 2-4, 1956, That in recognition of his outstanding services to the community, state and nation, there be bestowed upon Charles Stewart Mott the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Distinguished Service Medal be presented to Charles Stewart Mott at the 38th National Convention of The American Legion, in Los Angeles, California, September 3 to 6, 1956.