

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Denver, Colorado
August 23, 24, 25, 1977**

Resolution No. 39: U.S.S. Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor

Origin: Arizona

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Credentials and Internal Affairs (Section II)

WHEREAS, The Japanese sneak attack on the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Sunday, December 7, 1941, was unprovoked and responsible for 3,581 United States casualties, and plunged the United States into war; and

WHEREAS, The Battleship U.S.S. Arizona, one of eighteen American ships sunk in the attack and is the final resting place of 1,102 United States servicemen who died during this dastardly attack by the Japanese; and

WHEREAS, The U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962, honors those who died in the surprise Japanese attack and enshrines this gallant ship with more than 1,100 of the Navy men and Marines who died during the attack and are entombed inside the sunken hull; and

WHEREAS, Any Japanese-make items stressing the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial and being sold at Pearl Harbor would be a "slap in the face of the servicemen who died there and their families who survive them," and would be a mockery of this reminder of "a date which will live in infamy"; and

WHEREAS, After being informed of this complete disconcert for morality by Japanese manufacturers, did recognize this commercialism as a "slap in the face to our fallen comrades and their survivors" and also realized this lack of concern to be a mockery of the date that plunged the United States into World War II; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, August 23, 24, 25, 1977, That Japanese-made trinkets, namely U.S.S. Arizona Memorial souvenirs, be forbidden from being sold at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, location of Pearl Harbor Tribute the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion respectfully requests the Commander-in-Chief President James Carter issue an executive order banning the sale of "Made in Japan" souvenirs at the Pearl Harbor Memorial out of simple respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice at that site.