

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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**Resolution No. 31: Commendation of the Educational Community
Origin: Americanism Commission
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WHEREAS, The American Legion continues its long-standing concern with the quality of education presented in our nation's classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Among those concerns have continually been included education in the heritage and lifetime citizenship responsibilities requisite to a free American nation; and

WHEREAS, Effective transmittal of these vital elements of learning depends greatly upon patterns of teacher education which requires concentrated training of future educators in the history, economic and governmental form of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, our teachers must know how to bring students to relate academic learning to real-life situations in decision making, as well as practical applications in their careers as citizens and in employment; and

WHEREAS, Teacher training institutions in their preparation programs are the key element in effectively providing the quality of teachers needed to convey these attributes and attitudes to our youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 3-4, 1978, That it does hereby commend all teacher training institutions which require preparatory studies in United States history, government and economics, as well as courses relating abstract learning to the practical world of work and its dignity in the American Heritage prior to certification for classroom instruction; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That our several departments be urged to determine the scope of training requirements within their own states and actively seek inclusion of these essential elements of citizenship training for all those who aspire to licenses for classroom instruction in American schools.