

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 4 - 5, 2016**

**Resolution No. 12: Taylor Hooton Foundation
Origin: American Legion Baseball Committee
Submitted By: Americanism Commission**

WHEREAS, Taylor Hooton, a 17-year old high school athlete from Plano, Texas played American Legion Baseball and took his own life on July 15, 2003, after using anabolic steroids; and

WHEREAS, The Taylor Hooton Foundation (THF) was formed in 2004 in memory of Taylor E. Hooton; and

WHEREAS, Over 1.5 million teens have admitted to using anabolic steroids and the median age for first-time steroid use being 15; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Hooton's parents, family and friends founded THF after learning of the growing number of middle school, high school and college students illegally using and abusing anabolic steroids, Human Growth Hormone (HGH), unregulated dietary supplements, and other appearance and performance enhancing drugs (APEDs); and

WHEREAS, APEDs include a wide range of substances borrowed from a wide range of medical disciplines and associated fields and have a long history in sport and competition; and

WHEREAS, Two tenants of The American Legion Baseball Code of Sportsmanship are "Keep myself fit" and "Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body"; and

WHEREAS, The THF is widely recognized as a leader in education on the topic of youth APED in the United States, Canada and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, To date, the THF has spoken to almost one million people directly with their education programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-5, 2016, That The American Legion commends the Taylor Hooton Foundation for its efforts in providing parents, coaches and other adult influencers with knowledge and tools to help raise awareness about the dangers of appearance and performance enhancing drugs (APEDs) by making the right choices with respect to healthy lifestyle; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this commendation is done at no cost to The American Legion which withholds all grants of authority to use The American Legion's name and/or trademark without specific authority, except in fair-use reporting of this resolution.