

**NINETY-SECOND NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
August 31, September 1, 2, 2010**

**Resolution No. 298: Support for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention  
Origin: Convention Committee on Children & Youth  
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Children & Youth**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is vitally concerned about the violent crimes committed by juveniles in this nation each year; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is organized: to develop and encourage the implementation of national standards for the administration of juvenile justice; to assist state and local governments in removing juveniles from jails and lockups for adults; to develop and implement effective methods of preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, including methods with specific focus on maintaining and strengthening the family unit so that juveniles may be retained in their homes; to develop effective programs to prevent delinquency, to divert juveniles from traditional juvenile justice systems and to provide critically needed alternatives to institutionalization; and to coordinate all federal juvenile delinquency programs and all federal programs related to missing and exploited children; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention program now promoted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has proved effective in many states; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 31, September 1, 2, 2010, That The American Legion supports the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and its programs; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the President and the Congress meet or exceed current funding levels for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.**