

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
October 14-15, 2009**

**Resolution No. 32: Expression Of Concern In The Decline Of Participation In The  
American Legion School Award Medal Program**

Origin: Americanism Commission

Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion School Award Medal Program has been a well respected project of the National Americanism Commission since 1926; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion School Award Medal Program places emphasis on Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion School Award Medals are given in recognition of those boys and girls deemed most worthy of the high qualities of citizenship and true Americanism; and

WHEREAS, The Award Medal represents the educational symbolism of the Program and associates it with The American Legion and its purposes; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion School Award Medal Program is put into effect by Departments, Districts, and Posts; and

WHEREAS, The Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy is awarded annually to that Department in the United States showing the greatest Americanism activity in the use of The American Legion School Award Medals; and

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission seeks to promote the ideals of Americanism to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, The National Committee on Education has expressed concern that the number of School Award Medals given has progressively declined by over 130 in the past three years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 14-15, 2009, That The American Legion National Executive Committee strongly encourages all levels of The American Legion to take appropriate and necessary action to increase participation in The American Legion School Award Medal Program; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That the concern in the decline of participation in The American Legion School Award Medal Program expressed herewith be conveyed to Department leadership for further dissemination to districts and posts.**