

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 29, 2011**

**Resolution No. 1: Re-naming the William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy to the  
Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy**

**Origin: Americanism Commission**

**Submitted by: Finance Commission**

WHEREAS, The William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy has been a prestigious award of The American Legion that was first awarded in 1938 to annually honor that department which in the judgment of the National Americanism Commission has conducted the best all-around Americanism activities; and

WHEREAS, Hearst Newspapers unexpectedly decided to no longer sponsor the annual Americanism trophy beginning in 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Daniel J. O'Connor faithfully and loyally served The American Legion as Chairman of the National Americanism Commission from 1962 to 1983 and as Chairman Emeritus from 1984 until his passing in 2004; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished service he developed many new and innovative programs that advanced patriotism among the citizens of our nation and promoted wide-spread participation in youth activities; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is desirous of focusing attention on his valuable contributions and giving recognition to his special abilities; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has been reviewed by the National Americanism Commission and with concurrence from the Internal Affairs Commission and the National Finance Commission is recommended to the National Executive Committee for favorable action; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 29, 2011, That the William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy be re-named as the "Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy" in honor of Daniel J. O'Connor; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That the Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy continue to be awarded annually to that department which in the judgment of the National Americanism Commission has conducted the best all-around Americanism activities; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That conditions for selecting the annual winner of the Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy will continue as formerly set forth for the William Randolph Hearst Trophy:**

**1. The National Americanism Commission shall determine the three departments achieving the greatest number of credit points based upon a review of all Consolidated Post Reports submitted to National Headquarters; A certification by the department as to the number of active posts is required;**

**2. The winner shall be selected from the aforementioned three departments based on the best narrative statement supporting the claim of points determined from the Consolidated Post Report; Such narrative statement is to be no less than 200 words and not more than 500 words; and, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That funds expended for purchase of the Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy be set at an amount not to exceed \$1,000 annually.**