Resolution No. 102: Expansion of the Department of Defense’s Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to Include Ancillary Programs and Services
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WHEREAS, Jill Biden, wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, launched a program in June 2011, where 73 companies and organizations made a commitment to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers; and

WHEREAS, The Military Spouse Employment Partnership connects military spouses with partner employers worldwide with 24/7 access to job openings and career connections; and

WHEREAS, Broadening the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) audience by addressing spouses and the broader community (e.g., employers, veterans service organizations) is key to a transitioning servicemember’s success in creating a self-sufficient civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Incorporating technology that creates an “immersive” Transition Assistance Program that mirrors the experiences servicemembers and their spouses have in their military training – mobile device design, just-in-time access to tools and content, social media networking, and self-directed search; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That The American Legion supports legislation that will afford spouses the same level of job training and employment skills training that would otherwise have been given only to servicemembers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges Congress to mandate the Department of Defense to expand all their programs and services to the transitioning servicemembers’ spouses and/or support system; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion supports legislation that encourages the Department of Defense to introduce improvements in service delivery, business process, and technology innovations in support of the Transition Assistance Program.