

**ONE-HUNDREDTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 28, 29, 30, 2018**

**Resolution No. 26: Award Congressional Gold Medal To The Crew Of The USS Indianapolis  
Origin: Texas  
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Internal Affairs  
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is the oldest veterans organization whose cause it to help veterans and insure that veterans receive the best treatment possible; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill HR4107 and Senate Bill S2101 are in need of a national veterans organization endorsement to award the crew of the USS Indianapolis the Congressional Gold Medal; and,

WHEREAS, During WWII, the USS Indianapolis served as the flag ship for the 5th Fleet commander, Admiral Raymond Spruance, survived a kamikaze attack, earned 20 battle stars for her 3 years of WWII service; and,

WHEREAS, The USS Indianapolis completed an intense and incredibly risky mission by delivering atomic bomb components to Tinian Island that was critical to ending World War II; and,

WHEREAS, On July 30, 1945 the USS Indianapolis – CA 35 was sunk by Japanese submarine torpedoes, with a loss of 880 sailors and Marines lives and 317 crew members rescued; and,

WHEREAS, There are only 18 living survivors left of the crew from the USS Indianapolis; 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 support the Congressional Gold Medal for the crew of the USS Indianapolis for their brave service in World War II.**