SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Baltimore, Maryland
September 5, 6, 7, 1989

Resolution No. 135: Flag Display
Origin: Wisconsin
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Americanism
(As amended)

WHEREAS, The Flag Code, Title 36, United States Code, Chapter 10, Paragraphs 170-178, as amended, provides guidelines as to proper and inappropriate display of the Flag of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, These provisions state that no disrespect should be shown to the Flag and it should never touch anything beneath it such as the floor; and

WHEREAS, The code states the Flag should never be displayed or used in such a manner as to permit it to be easily soiled in any way; and

WHEREAS, The School of Art Institute in Chicago, Illinois has been intentionally displaying the Flag of the United States on the floor with comment books directly above so viewers are likely to step on the Flag to write opinions of the display; and

WHEREAS, This school's claim of artistic freedom is transparent support of this disrespect of our country's Flag; and

WHEREAS, This support of such plain and flagrant disregard to the provisions of paragraph 176 of the Flag Code amounts to a political policy statement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Baltimore, Maryland, September 5, 6, 7, 1989, That The American Legion condemn such action by an organization that exists partly through public support; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion urges that all public and private support be withheld from those who show the foregoing display to the Flag of our Country.