NINETY-FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Houston, Texas
August 27, 28, 29, 2013

Resolution No. 5: Saluting America School Program
Origin: Colorado
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Americanism
(As amended)

WHEREAS, The Saluting America, Honoring Military Service: Past & Present program was developed by top educators, including Colorado's Cherry Creek School District Associate Superintendent Dr. Scott Siegfried, in cooperation with Pueblo's Center for American Values; and

WHEREAS, This program educates and instills a strong sense of patriotism in America's youth and raises awareness of America's cherished values and honors the sacrifices made by our nation's active military and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Many of today's youth have little or no connection with the military, and, therefore, no frame of reference for the bravery and sacrifices these individuals make to protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, The Saluting America Program offers an educational curriculum and school activities designed to honor and remember these veterans and active military personnel, as well as emotionally engage and educate students on the sacrifices made to protect the freedoms we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, The program implemented by the Cherry Creek Schools during Veterans Day week in 2011 and 2012 was a huge success, involving more than 50,000 students along with staff, parents and community members including Colorado Legionnaires in the various program elements, and tens of thousands of tribute cards have been distributed to veterans and the active military; and

WHEREAS, The Saluting America Program elements are designed to provide teachers with all the components needed to implement the program with minimal effort on their part and at no cost; and the 2013 program is the precursor to a multi-school district program designed as the template for statewide and nationwide Saluting America Programs; and

WHEREAS, To help plan and execute Saluting America 2013, the following partners have committed to assist The American Legion in various roles: In honored Glory, Inc., Cherry Creek School District, The Daniels Fund and 9NEWS with more partners and sponsors to be added as they join in participation; and

WHEREAS, The Saluting America Program is a natural fit and extension to the existing American Legion program "Veterans in the Classroom", and American Legion posts and departments could find a benefit in sharing and promoting the Saluting America project with their local school districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Houston, Texas, August 27, 28, 29, 2013, That we commend the Saluting America Program for the educational curriculum and school activities that it offers to instill in youth a sense of patriotism and awareness of America's cherished values, and honors the sacrifices made by our nation's active military; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, This commendation is done at no cost to The American Legion and withholds all grants of authority to use The American Legion's name and/or trademark without specific authority, except in fair-use reporting of this resolution.