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OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 53: Veterans Discounts on Federally Funded Public Transportation
Origin: Colorado
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, Currently, transit systems whom are recipients of the Urbanized Area Formula Grants are required to provide discounted rates to senior citizens and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Section 101 of Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), the term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable; and

WHEREAS, Title 49, Urbanized Formula Grants, requires the development of transportation policies and programs that contribute to providing fast, safe, efficient, and convenient transportation at the lowest cost consistent with those and other national objectives, including the efficient use and conservation of the resources of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 5307(d)(1)(D) currently states that elderly and handicapped individuals, or an individual presenting a Medicare card issued to that individual under title II or XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq., 1395 et seq.), will be charged during non-peak hours for transportation using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed under this section not more than 50 percent of the peak hour fare; and

WHEREAS, There is a wide disparity of travel discounts available to veteran riders of public transportation, and offering a uniform discount policy will encourage more veterans to use public transportation; and

WHEREAS, By virtue of their service and sacrifices for this nation, veterans should be offered the same discounts offered to other recognized groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion urge Congress to amend the Urbanized Area Formula Grants in Section 5307(d)(1)(D) of title 49, United States Code (U.S.C.) to include the term veteran as defined by section 101 of title 38 U.S.C, which would allow veterans to be charged the same rate for non-peak hour transportation using or involving a facility or equipment of a project financed under this section that is not more than 50 percent of the peak hour fare.