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OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 332: Support Funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Homeless Program
Origin: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education

WHEREAS, The American Legion believes the nation has a responsibility to ease the difficulties experienced by America's veterans returning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, In the most severe cases, veterans transitioning home and their families have found themselves homeless; and

WHEREAS, The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program is a collaboration between the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) to help homeless veterans and their immediate family members by providing permanent housing with case management and supportive and clinical services provided by VA at its medical centers and community partners that promote and maintain recovery and housing stability; and

WHEREAS, HUD-VASH is a prominent element of VA's plan to eliminate veteran homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HUD allocates rental subsidies from its Housing Choice Voucher program to the VA, which then distributes them to the eligible veterans; and

WHEREAS, At a time when the number of homeless veterans on any given night hovers at approximately 40,000, the need for safe, affordable, and permanent housing is imperative; 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 support funding for another 10,000 housing vouchers for the Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program be set aside to assist homeless veterans with permanent housing; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion encourages a higher allocation of project-based Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs Support Housing voucher units.