NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
May 4-5, 2005

Resolution No. 33: Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award
Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, Francis M. Redington of Colorado Springs, Colorado was a dedicated Legionnaire who fully supported The American Legion Americanism programs; and

WHEREAS, Francis worked tirelessly in support of The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program, which was his first love; and

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in establishing a shooting program at the Widefield, Colorado High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Course (NJROTC), assisted with their efforts in obtaining grant monies, supervised the purchase of five rifles through American Legion Post 209, and worked closely with the school to construct an indoor shooting range which was dedicated in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Francis loyally and faithfully served for twelve years as a Deputy Range Officer on the Junior Air Rifle National Championship staff until his death in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Through his personal dedication and commitment to the Junior Shooting Sports Program, Francis devoted countless hours, often contributing of his own resources to ensure equipment was maintained and materials were available to program and national championship tournament participants; and

WHEREAS, Francis' can-do spirit and positive words of encouragement ensured that all Junior Air Rifle National Championship athletes had the opportunity to learn and appreciate sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, This resolution has the concurrence of the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee and the Internal Affairs Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 4-5, 2005, That The American Legion establish the "Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Americanism Commission be authorized to annually present the "Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award" to the athlete competing in The American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship who best exemplifies good sportsmanship and fair play; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this award be presented at the 2005 American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship and each year thereafter, and that the award be listed in The American Legion Trophies and Awards Manual.