NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
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Resolution No. 41: Oppose the Exploitation of any Names or Images of Killed In Action Service Members for Profiteering Purposes

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WHEREAS, Names of our departed men and women who were killed in action are being used on posters and/or T-shirts as a protest to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Such use of these names are often not welcomed or authorized by the immediate families of our departed soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Often the unauthorized use of these names is in sharp contrast as to how the fallen service member or the military family felt; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion fights for freedom of speech, however, freedom of speech should not include the unauthorized use of deceased service members names or images; and

WHEREAS, Through these soldiers' service to our state and/or nation, these soldiers, having paid the ultimate sacrifice, should not have unauthorized use of their names or images for any purpose; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion will be the voice of our fallen comrades who have given the last full measure of devotion to our country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 6-7, 2009, That The American Legion oppose the exploitation of any names or images of killed in action service members for profiteering purposes.