NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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Resolution No. 25: The Medal of Honor Character Development Program
Origin: Committee on Youth Education
Submitted by: Americanism Commission

WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, founded by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society that consists exclusively of living Medal of Honor recipients, is a foundation whose role is dedicated to inspiring successive generations of Americans to commit to the ideals of courage, sacrifice and patriotism through a lifetime of service above self to family, to community and to our nation; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation has undertaken a broad range of education initiatives aimed at increasing awareness of the Medal of Honor and what it represents; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Character Development Program is a major initiative of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation that's made available free of charge to schools nationwide that incorporates the ideals of courage and selfless service into middle and high school curricula so as to build character and promote responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Character Development program offers a teaching resource designed by teachers with lesson plans that use best practices based on national standards and core values and may be further enhanced by the addition of video vignettes, classroom visit or video teleconferencing with a Medal of Honor recipient interacting with students, drawing upon the ideals they embody and the application of those ideals within their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Medal of Honor Character Development Program is not to glorify or glamorize war, but rather to provide Medal of Honor-related "living histories" and instructional activities that encourage students to consider the concepts of courage, commitment, sacrifice, patriotism, integrity and citizenship from their own perspective and explore how those may be exemplified in daily life; and

WHEREAS, The Medal of Honor Character Development Program is the flagship education initiative of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and is the legacy of Medal of Honor recipients who view this program as a way that they can inspire the youth of America to be great citizens of their communities, their country and the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 15-16, 2014, That The American Legion commends the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation for its Medal of Honor Character Development Program using living history to provide educational curricula and instructional activities to instill in youth a sense of citizenship and patriotism that is epitomized by Medal of Honor recipients; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That departments and posts of The American Legion are urged to assist in and promote the Medal of Honor Character Development Program to schools and community organizations and encourage youth participation; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That 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.