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Resolution No. 5: State Funeral for Final Medal of Honor Recipient of The Vietnam War
Origin: Resolution No. 30 (UT) 2024 National Convention
Submitted by: National Security Commission

WHEREAS, There is an organization called "State Funeral for World War II Veterans" that has expanded its mission to honor veterans from other wars, calling for legislation to recognize the last Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War as well; and

WHEREAS, The president of the United States has sole authority to designate a state funeral; and

WHEREAS, "State Funeral for World War II Veterans" is a leading nationwide online petition drive to convince the president to designate a single state funeral for the final Medal of Honor recipient from the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Only 44 of the Vietnam War's Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients are still alive and the number of Medal of Honor recipients is dwindling rapidly due to age; and

WHEREAS, This event will also provide national recognition to honor all soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who served in our armed forces during this war; and

WHEREAS, A state funeral would be the perfect vehicle for a final salute to honor the service and sacrifice of these great men and women and an honor that we can return to them as a grateful nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 9–10, 2024, That the president of the United States be requested to designate a state funeral for the last Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War as a final salute to the millions of men and women that collectively served in our armed forces during this war.