

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 04-11-C
SUBMITTED BY: Tenth District Association
SUBJECT: Funding for Tuition Grant Program

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The State of Michigan provides an entitlement (Michigan Compiled Law 35.111-112) to tuition assistance for the eligible children of military personnel who died on active duty and the eligible children of veterans awarded 100% disability ratings by the US Department of Veterans Affairs; and
- WHEREAS, The State Law (Michigan Compiled Law 35.112) assigns administrative duties required for the effective execution of the entitlement to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund; and
- WHEREAS, The Law (Michigan Compiled Law 35.112(2)) specifically provides for the appropriation of funds to either State universities or colleges, the State's Department of Education or the Trustees of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for the costs of tuition assistance; and
- WHEREAS, The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund diverts approximately \$1 million of its own income or principal to meet the annual obligation of the tuition assistance entitlement; and
- WHEREAS, The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund receives no General Fund appropriation to pay the cost of the tuition assistance entitlement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED,

By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Dearborn, Michigan June 17-20, 2004; That The American Legion, Department of Michigan encourage the Michigan Legislature to seek the full appropriated funding of the tuition assistance entitlement as required by Michigan Compiled Law