

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 05-3-S
SUBMITTED BY: U.P. Assoc. American Legion Posts
SUBJECT: Joe Leazier

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WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Leazier, a long time employee of American Legion, Department of Michigan, as a veterans Service Officer and Veterans advocate, has served the veterans of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Leazier traveled many thousands of miles annually and worked with countless numbers of veterans for claims and benefits, spending many thousands of hours ensuring that these veterans would be taken care of; and

WHEREAS, A large portion of the Post Service Officers, County Service Officers, Post Officers and veterans have become dependent on Joe Leazier for help on claims and advice; and

WHEREAS, The U.P. Association of American Legion Posts believes that it is not in the best interest of The American Legion, Department of Michigan to discontinue the employment of Mr. Joe Leazier for the following reasons:

- a. Veterans that have pending claims will have a more difficult time in having their questions answered
- b. The American Legion Posts, County Veterans Service Officers and veterans will be looking for help from other Veterans organizations with more experienced veterans Service officers; and
- c. The Department has lost the continuity and respect it so desperately needed to gain the trust of those we serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan annual Department Spring Meeting assembled in Lansing, Michigan February 18-19, 2005, That Mr. Joe Leazier, Field Service Officer For The American Legion, Department of Michigan be given all the respect, rewards and honors he so richly deserves for the years he has served the veterans of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern Wisconsin; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan offers its support to Mr. Joe Leazier to finally resolve the matter of his termination for his good and the good of The American Legion, Department of Michigan; and

FINALLY RESOLVED, That The American Legion gives a Thank You to Mr. Joe Leazier for all the years of service that he has given to the Veterans of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin