

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 22-10-C

SUBMITTED BY: The American Legion, Department of Michigan

SUBJECT: Amend Title 38, United States Code, to Establish a Marker for Cremation Urns Provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), under the auspices of the United States Code (U.S.C.) Title 38 § 2306, provides veterans' headstones and markers for the unmarked graves anywhere in the world and of eligible dependents of veterans buried in military post, state or national cemeteries, of flat bronze, flat marble, upright granite and upright marble to mark the grave in a style consistent with the cemetery, and niche markers also are available for identifying cremated remains in columbaria; and

WHEREAS, Headstones and markers are inscribed with the name of deceased, branch of service, and the years of birth and death and such optional items that may be inscribed are military grade, rank or rate, war era service, months and days of birth and death, an approved emblem of one's belief and text indicating valor awards; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the aforementioned statute do not provide for any such marker of recognition for a veteran's urn when it is the decision of the veteran's family to not inter the remains of deceased veteran; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention, assembled in Dearborn, Michigan, June 17-20, 2010, that The American Legion, Department of Michigan, supports legislation to amend United States Code (U.S.C.) Title 38 § 2306 to specify that an additional marker be provided for veterans' urns when an election is made to not bury the ashes of deceased veterans; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That such marker be an appropriate sized adhesive backed metal plate to be placed on the urn bearing the ashes, as well as provide like information as the bronze marker now available for burials.