

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1991 convention delegates)

THE SACRIFICES OF VETERANS

- WHEREAS, The United States gained its freedom due to the armed resistance of over 250,000 soldiers in the Revolutionary War, of which 25,234 gave their lives and another 8,445 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 286,730 veterans in the War of 1812, of which 2,260 gave their lives and another 4,505 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 78,718 veterans in the Mexican War, of which 13,283 gave their lives and another 4,152 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States and the Confederate States were further served by approximately 3,713,363 veterans in the Civil War, of which at least 529,332 died and at least another 281,881 were severely wounded (unfortunately, few accurate records record either the size of the Confederate Army or the number of Confederate Army or the number of Confederate casualties); and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 206,760 veterans in the Spanish American War, of which 2,446 died and another 1,662 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 4,743,826 Veterans in World War I, of which 106,798 gave their lives and another 204,002 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 16,353,659 Veterans in World War II, of which 407,316 gave their lives and another 670,846 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 5,764,143 Veterans in the Korean War, of which 54,246 gave their lives and another 103,284 were severely wounded; and
- WHEREAS, The United States was further served by 8,744,000 Veterans in the Vietnam War, of which 58,151 gave their lives and another 153,303 were severely wounded; and

WHEREAS, The United States was further served by numerous other veterans in the Indian Wars and various police actions such as in Beirut and Panama, with many of these veterans being called on to also give their lives or bear the burdens of severe wounds; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln stated the following .. "We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as the final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract..." concerning the sacrifices of these honored dead; and

WHEREAS, Many of the forty million veterans who served this country during its time of need were conscripted into the service and therefore had to alter their life's plans to serve their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fellow citizens are still being placed in harms way with over 500,000 recently serving in Operation Desert Storm in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Many of the families serving to protect this nation were and are below the federal poverty guideline; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA adopt a position encouraging boards of education throughout the State of Colorado to provide opportunities during school hours for the students of Colorado public schools to learn about the sacrifices of these forty million veterans in providing for this nation's defense and liberties and of the significance of Veterans Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA encourage the National PTA to adopt a position encouraging boards of education throughout the nation to provide opportunities during school hours for students in public schools to learn about the sacrifices of these forty million veterans in providing for this nation's defense and liberties and of the significance of Veteran's Day.