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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. El Yaddasse of Washington submitted the following resolution;

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WHEREAS,

The incumbent American Legion Boys Nation Senate shall acknowledge Director Johnston's exceptional contribution to Senator Nadir Elyaddasse's personal growth. The described Senator, like some others present in the Senate, approached Boys State like a wrestling mat, or boxing ring, with a "win at all costs" mentality. This resolution finds such a notion is contradictory to the diplomatic and brotherly ideals upheld by the American Legion programs.

WHEREAS,

Accordingly, this senate truly appreciates Director Johnston's story about the difficulties in his life after an honorable discharge due to injury from the United States Marine Corps, wherein he completed multiple heroic tours of duty. His story, which he shared with Senator Elyaddasse in a moment of vulnerability, detailed how witnessing the profound effect of Boys State on its delegates gave Director Johnston a new cause to serve.

WHEREAS,

By sharing such a meaningful anecdote, Director Johnston forever changed Senator Elyaddasse's perspective on American Legion programs and competitions. Though Senator Elyaddasse should have already been aware that the foremost value of the described experiences is the patriotism, integrity, courage, and camaraderie it inspires in its participants, he may not have come to such a realization on his own.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That The 2023 American Legion Boys Nation Senate and the Undersigned acknowledge Director Johnston's noble assistance to and faith in Senator Elyaddasse and that this Senate, at large, is sincerely grateful.

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