WHEREAS, The Fisher House Foundation continues to support the military families in their time of greatest need through a network of comfort homes built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The Fisher Houses are located in close proximity to the medical center or hospital it serves; and

WHEREAS, Due to the government shutdown, The Department of Defense was unable to pay the death gratuities to the families of service members killed in combat; and

WHEREAS, The Fisher House Foundation has generously agreed to offer the families an advance grant until the government can make the reimbursements; and

WHEREAS, The Fisher House Foundation will also cover flights, hotels and other incidentals for the family members; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion in National Executive Committee assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 12 - 13, 2013, That the Sons of The American Legion hereby commends the Fisher House Foundation for ensuring that our nations veterans families are taken care of by providing an advance grant to the families of service members killed during the government shutdown.