

Sons of The American Legion Resolution
National Executive Committee
October 13 & 14, 2012

No.: **SAL Res 9 – Fall 2012**
Title: **Support Stolen Valor Act**
Origin: **Legislative Commission**

WHEREAS, The Stolen Valor Act as amended in 2005, as part of the U.S. Code, stated that making false representation, verbally or in writing, that a person has been awarded decorations or medals for acts of valor in the military service, to be a criminal violation; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court on June 28, 2012, ruled that the Stolen Valor Act was an unconstitutional abridgement of Free Speech under the First Amendment, and;

WHEREAS, Our Parent Organization (The American Legion) adopted Resolution No. 283, Titled “Amend Stolen Valor Act”, as part of the 94th Annual Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana. That urged the Congress of The United States, to “amend the Stolen Valor Act, Title 18, Part I, Chapter 33, Section 704, to provide that the elements of fraud be incorporated into previous Stolen Valor legislation such that accomplishes the same goal as the previous legislation and passes Constitutional muster”; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012, The Stolen Valor Act legislation overwhelmingly passed in the United States House of Representatives that would make it a crime to profit from lying about military honors; and

WHEREAS, “We male descendants of veterans of all wars, seek to protect the rights and privileges earned by all who have served in the military, especially those who exhibited acts of valor, usually without regard for self, and have be properly awarded decorations or medals for those acts; now therefore be it

Resolved, By Sons of The American Legion, National Executive Committee assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 13 and 14, 2012, sincerely urge that the United States Senate, work with the United States House of Representatives, to adopt this legislation, that protects the honor of those whose acts of Valor, have been properly recognized, and send it to the President for signature.

Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendation

Approved

Rejected

Referred to:

Other Action

Signature Chairman, Resolutions Subcommittee

Bob Brown

Bob Brown, Chairman, Sub Committee on Resolutions

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

David Lee

David Lee, Chairman, Legislative Commission