

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 7-8, 2008

RESOLUTION NO: 12

TASK FORCE ON NEW AMERICANS

COMMISSION: Americanism

WHEREAS, The American Legion in 1942 adopted Resolution No. 452 "Naturalizations Classes" which called upon the federal government to continue naturalization classes for aliens seeking citizenship instruction; and

WHEREAS, The Preamble of The Constitution of The American Legion states, "...to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism..."; and

WHEREAS, To ensure that future United States citizens understand what it means to be an American they must have a proper education in English, civics, and U.S. History; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Posts have served as educational centers for immigrants seeking training for the U.S. Citizenship test; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush established the "Task Force on New Americans" to provide "...integration into American society of America's legal immigrants, particularly through instruction in English, civics, and history...through faith-based, community, and other groups..."; and

Whereas, Many American Legion Posts are uniquely suited to assist in the instruction of future citizens by providing instruction in English, civics, and U.S. History; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 7-8, 2008, That The American Legion supports the efforts of the Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Task Force on New Americans; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion encourages Posts to provide instructional space and citizenship classes to legal immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship.