

gram. As the purchasing power of the dollar has decreased, we feel it necessary to help the recipients of compensation by giving them substantial increases.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I want to say that this hearing has been the high point of our midwinter conference, and to say again that you have been most courteous and indulgent, and we do appreciate it.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I should like to submit for the record, copies of our national convention resolutions and an additional statement which the DAV presented on October 3, 1967, to the U.S. Veterans' Advisory Commission. The statement sets forth a full and comprehensive account of the legislative objectives of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Without objection, they will be made a part of the record at the conclusion of today's hearing.

(The material referred to appears at the conclusion of testimony taken on this date.)

(RESOLUTION No. 11, LEGISLATIVE)

TO EXTEND WARTIME BENEFITS FOR VETERANS OF SERVICE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1961

Whereas, the effective date of August 5, 1964 for Vietnam wartime benefits is considered by the Disabled American Veterans as unjust and indisputably wrong, and therefore we are under a strong obligation to oppose it most vigorously, and

Whereas, official records indicate that from January 1, 1961 to August 3, 1964, 179 members of the Armed Forces serving in Vietnam died as a result of hostile action, 84 died as a result of non-hostile action, and 1,071 were wounded in action, and

Whereas, the troops who served before August 5, 1964 gave of themselves in the same extraordinary military effort and sacrifice, showed the same skill, firmness and courage as that displayed by the troops who served on or after August 4, 1964, and

Whereas, we believe that the men who fought in Vietnam prior to 1964 will be disheartened to learn that they are not considered war veterans, that they do not qualify for a pension because they had the misfortune to be honorably separated from service prior to August 5, 1964,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, supports S. 16, as amended by the House of Representatives, and advises the Senate Finance Committee of our desire for early action on this legislation.

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(RESOLUTION No. 43, LEGISLATIVE)

TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT PAYMENT OF DEATH PENSION AND DIC UNDER A SPECIFIED FORMULA

Whereas, the Disabled American Veterans is concerned with the widows and orphans of veterans; and

Whereas, these widows should be compensated,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that the widows of deceased war-service connected disabled veterans who die of non-service connected disabilities be entitled to draw the full rate of non-service connected death pension and a proportionate amount of DIC or Death Compensation under a specified formula.

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(RESOLUTION No. 44, LEGISLATIVE)

SUPPORTING A COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN COMPENSATION RATES

Whereas, there has been a substantial increase in the cost of living since the last service connected disability compensation increase was granted in 1965, and