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symptoms of psychosis, 10 percent or more disabling, within two years following discharged from military service, and

Whereas, the wartime veterans, who meet the aforementioned requirements, have been recognized as service connected for treatment purposes only—not for compensation purposes, and

Whereas, this creates a twofold standard for those veterans afflicted with psychosis as no other physical disability which can be service connected on a wartime presumptive basis recognizes the disability as service connected yet fails to allow payment of compensation, and

Whereas, this inequity has been the primary cause of much hardship to the partially service connected wartime veteran, who has established service connection for psychosis on the two year presumptive basis, as well as his dependents.

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 Congress of the United States be petitioned to pass legislation whereby this inequity be relieved and compensation be made payable to two years presumptive wartime veterans service connected for psychosis for treatment purposes only on the same basis as other presumptive diseases for which both compensation and treatment may be received by a service connected veteran.

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(RESOLUTION No. 378, LEGISLATIVE)

TO ELIMINATE CHILDRENS' SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AS A FACTOR IN DIC PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS

Whereas, under present law governing payment of death benefits to widows of deceased wartime veterans it is possible for a widow with minor children receiving death pension on a non-service connected basis to receive monetary benefits equal to a widow with the same number of minor children who is receiving death compensation on a service connected death basis, and

Whereas, this inequity in the long established principle to pay greater benefits where payments are based on service incurrence is due to the fact that payments of social security benefits to minor children is not a factor in non-service connected death pension. However, payment of social security benefits to minor children is a factor in payment of service connected death indemnity compensation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denever, Colorado, July 31, through August 4, 1967, that Congress be petitioned to pass legislation eliminating the social security benefits of minor children as a factor in payment of death indemnity compensation to a widow and that she be granted an additional dependency allowance for each of her minor children.

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(RESOLUTION No. 386, LEGISLATIVE)

AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE FOR SERVICE CONNECTED WIDOWS

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the 90th Congress to amend the non-service-connected death pension program to provide a special aid and attendance allowance for certain widows, and

Whereas, the enactment of such legislation would provide benefits for non-service-connected widows that are unavailable to the widows of veterans who die as the result of service incurred disabilities, and

Whereas, this nation's first duty to veterans is to its wartime service connected disabled, their widows and dependents,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denever, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that the National Director of Legislation shall sponsor and support legislation in the United States Congress to provide Aid and Attendance allowance for the widows of veterans who died of service connected causes.

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