3564 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

- 4. Provide increased availability of out-patient care for retired military and their dependents.
- 5. Promote the maintenance of military PXs throughout the continental limits of the United States.

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(RESOLUTION No. 488, LEGISLATIVE)

TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM RATES FOR MILITARY RETIREES DISABLED BY COMBAT INJURIES

Whereas, a serviceman disabled in combat is entitled to receive only a percentage of his military base pay, causing an injustice to NCOs and their families, and

Whereas, a Marine Corporal picked up in a coma, battered, and bleeding, now with a plate in his head, part of his brain missing, and his body held together with wires and screws, as a Lance Corporal, can only get \$136 per month under Section 1401 of Title 10, U.S. Code, and

Whereas, in our concern over the proliferated efforts of the United States government to eliminate poverty and cushion the effects of human misfortune we have overlooked some of the most obvious injustices, and

Whereas, our late comrade, former President John F. Kennedy, prior to his untimely death, said that he wanted war disabled veterans, and their families, to live in dignity, which are the objectives of the Disabled American Veterans, to return them to as good a position as they would have enjoyed had they not been disabled, and

Whereas, an enterprising newspaper (San Francisco Examiner) awakened many to this injustice, and

Whereas, because of the youth and lower income of non-commissioned officers, their injuries will more seriously jeopardize their future than for the high ranking commissioned officer with the same injuries, and

Whereas, H.R. 9670, introduced by Congressman C. S. Gubser, is designed to correct this injustice,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disable American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, support H.R. 9670, urging Congress for early favorable consideration.

(RESOLUTION No. 509, LEGISLATIVE)

ELIGIBILITY FOR \$1600 AUTO GRANT

Whereas, existing law allows eligible veterans \$1600.00 toward the purchase of an automobile, and

Whereas, the cost of such vehicle purchases has risen sharply since the enactment of the original legislation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, recommends that this allowance be increased to enable said eligible veterans to purchase an automobile of average reasonable price at such time as their eligibility is established.

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(RESOLUTION No. 103, LEGISLATIVE)

FAVORING LEGISLATION TO REOPEN NSLI FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR

Whereas, World War II and Korean veterans regard their service insurance as one of the most valuable benefits made available to them by the Congress of the United States, and

Whereas, under existing legislation the privilege of purchasing Government insurance or reinstating lapsed insurance is permanently lost to millions of those veterans, and

Whereas, this action has unjustly deprived many veterans of the right to invaluable insurance benefits and has resultingly caused a serious and wide-spread hardship upon the families of untold numbers of veterans who today are