

Whereas we feel that Parkinson's Disease is very similar to multiple sclerosis in its early stages, and in its symptoms and in its early progression: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, go on record recommending that the presumptive period for service connection of Parkinson's Disease be extended to seven years.

RESOLUTION 148—WAR ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VETERANS RATED 50% OR MORE

Whereas PL. 88-361 amended the war orphans educational assistance act to include the children of veterans permanent and totally disabled from their service connected conditions, and

Whereas many veterans are suffering from service connected disabilities not ratable as total by the rating schedule, but which disabilities curtail the veteran's employment opportunities for advancement to higher brackets of employment, and

Whereas in some instances these veterans because of their service connected disabilities, are unable to provide educational opportunities for their children beyond the high school level: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, recommended that PL. 88-361 be amended to include the children of veterans rated 50% or more for service connected disabilities.

RESOLUTION 150—INCREASED DEATH COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS, CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Whereas the historic policy of this nation is to provide adequate compensation and other benefits to the wars' disabled and their dependents, and

Whereas death compensation to widows, children and parents of veterans whose deaths are due to military service is far below the average income necessary to provide a decent way of life according to the cost of living index in a fast changing economic world, and

Whereas present rates of compensation provide only a substandard living and in many cases less than the monetary benefits afforded the widows and children of veterans who served a mere 90 days stateside with no service connected disability and no impairment to job opportunities or providing for his dependents future, and

Whereas although the Disabled American Veterans is not opposed to liberal monetary benefits for dependents of veterans who served a mere 90 days stateside, did not incur a service connected disability, and whose death was not due to military service, we do, nevertheless hold that the present death compensation rates to widows, children and dependent parents are economically unrealistic and far below substandard rates and have lagged behind the rising cost of living: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, go on record recommending a substantial realistic increase in the death compensation rates to the widows, children and dependent parents of veterans whose death has been held due to military service; and be it further

Resolved, That death compensation rates be equalized and not be based on the veterans' rank in service, which we hold is wholly inequitable and not in accordance with the historic policy of this nation of providing adequate compensation to the wars' disabled and his dependents; and further, rank in service should have no bearing on the need for monetary assistance by the veterans' dependents after death, and payments based on rank is discriminatory, wholly inequitable, and unjust.

RESOLUTION 152—TO STANDARDIZE THE COMPUTATION OF INCOME OF DEPENDENT PARENTS

Whereas under present laws and regulations veterans whose disabilities are rated at 50% or more are entitled to additional compensation for dependent parents providing the parents' income meets certain limitations, and