

Whereas the veterans of Viet Nam are also fighting in defense of their Country, and many of their disabilities incurred in combat are less than 30 percent disabling: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968,* That Title 38, U.S. Code, Chapter 31, Paragraph 1502, Subparagraph (a) (1) be amended to include not only veterans of World War II and Korea but also the Viet Nam era beginning August 5, 1964 without consideration to the pronounced employment handicap for those with less than 30% compensation rating. This will permit Viet Nam era veterans to receive Vocational Rehabilitation benefits on a wartime rather than a peace time basis.

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RESOLUTION 352—EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WIDOW OF VETERAN WHOSE DEATH IS SERVICE CONNECTED

Whereas when a veteran dies of a service connected disability and his wife is not too elderly to retire, her children may be in their teens, especially if the veteran served during World War II or Korea, and

Whereas this widow may have taken care of her husband for the past 20 years for his service connected disability, has lost her employment contacts and has been out of touch with the latest training techniques, and cannot compete for job opportunities: 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 sponsoring a law to give the widow of a veteran who dies of a service connected disability training or education benefits so that she may be better prepared for a useful life after her husband's death.

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RESOLUTION 388—TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR REPAYMENT OF SEVERANCE PAY

Whereas present laws and regulations provide for the repayment to the government of amounts paid former servicemen for Disability Severance Pay prior to start of compensation benefits, and

Whereas experience has shown that many veterans do not file claim for compensation benefits until long after their honorable separation from the service when the veteran is often times in dire need of the compensation benefits, and the withholding of the benefits for such repayment may cause severe hardship to the veteran concerned, and

Whereas it is not considered to be the true intent of the Congress to cause such veterans unnecessary hardships, particularly at a time when the benefits are most needed: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 18 to 23, 1968, recommend to the U.S. Congress that legislation which requires repayment of disability severance pay prior to receipt of compensation benefits be amended to provide that the veteran will be given credit toward such repayment in an amount equal to the monthly compensation he has been awarded computed retroactively to the date following his honorable discharge from the active military service; and be it further

*Resolved,* That no veteran will accrue any cash payments based on such retroactive benefits which will serve only to repay such disability severance pay.

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RESOLUTION 418—OPPOSING THE REDUCTION OF DIC PAYMENTS TO THE CHILD OF A DECEASED VETERAN DUE TO RECEIPT OF SOCIAL SECURITY OR RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Whereas a grateful Government has recognized the need and obligation to care financially for the dependents of members of the Armed Forces who have died in service, or who have died of injuries or wounds incurred in service, and

Whereas the Government of the United States, through the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, is paying Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to the surviving dependents of members of the Armed Forces, who died in service or who died as the results of wounds or injuries received in the service of our country, and