

DRAFT RESOLUTION 20-08

SUBJECT: Support for Veterans & Servicemembers Employment Rights & Housing

SOURCE: OH, AK, IN, MO, ND, CT, WI, DC, PA, NC, WA, MA, MI

WHEREAS, AMVETS has become increasingly aware of veterans and military members being negatively impacted by unfair and prejudicial employment and housing practices; and

WHEREAS, American veterans comprise about 7 percent of the population of the United States, this means that much of the remaining 93 percent have no personal knowledge or experience with veterans or the military. Many of these individuals, whether consciously or unconsciously, have based their opinion of veterans and the military on the overwhelmingly negative stories portrayed in the media; and

WHEREAS, not only are many American veterans behind their contemporaries in education, employment and housing solely due to their service to our nation, but large numbers of National Guard and Reserve members are unemployed, in part due to preconceived prejudices surrounding the military; and

WHEREAS, there are currently numerous laws/programs on the books meant to assist veterans in their search for employment, education and housing, those laws/programs are not meeting the needs of American veterans; and

WHEREAS, many of the laws and programs currently in place are limited to assisting very specific groups of veterans, rather than all veterans – including National Guard/Reserve members who have been deployed – and there are sufficient legal options available to veterans who experience employment, education and/or housing discrimination; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS uses every resource at its disposal to ensure passage of legislation supporting veterans and servicemembers in securing equitable treatment in the areas of employment, education, and housing.

Committee Recommendations:

Civil Service and Veterans Employment Committee: Adopt

VAVS & VA Hospital and Medical Services, Rehabilitation Benefits Committee: Adopt

Floor Action: ADOPTED