RESOLUTION 12-05

SUBJECT: Women Service Members’ Gear in Theater

WHEREAS, DoD estimates as of 2010 16 percent of active duty military forces are women and 18 percent of the National Guard and Reserve are women; and

WHEREAS, Today women service members are being deployed to the same combat zones as their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, DoD has not been able to keep up with the needs of our ever-changing military forces; and

WHEREAS, the standard issue military combat uniform issued to women service members was designed for a male’s body and is often hindering their ability to perform at their peak performance levels: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, AMVETS believes it is in the best interest of our female service members and our entire fighting force to equip and arm our women service members with properly designed gear; and be it further

RESOLVED, AMVETS urges DoD to continue and further their testing of gender specific gear in order to ensure the success of our fighting forces in theater.